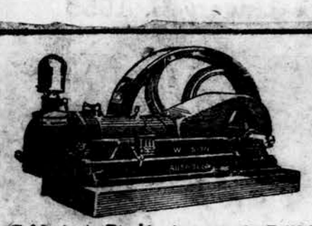

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NEHRU GREETS MME. JOLIOT CURIE

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressed the 37th annual session of the Indian Science Congress in Poona on January 2. A large number of delegates including foreign scientists attended the session. Photo shows Mme. Irene Joliot-Curie of France being presented to Pandit Nehru before his delivering the address at the session.

U.S. Bangs Door On Formosa

TRUMAN SWEARS BY "OPEN DOOR"

Britain Preparing To Recognize Reds

WASHINGTON, January 5 (PTI-Reuter).

THE United States will not send military aid to Formosa, President Truman announced today. Nor would the Government give advice to Chinese forces there. He affirmed that the United States "open door" policy applied to the island, which is now the last stronghold of the Nationalists.

In a statement read out at his weekly press conference, the President reaffirmed United States policy towards China as exemplified in the "open door" policy which calls for international respect for the territorial integrity of China.

The President, in effect, warned other nations to refrain from seeking to acquire spheres of influence, obtain special rights or privileges or to create foreign controlled regimes within the territory of China.

The United States was not seeking to obtain special rights in Formosa and had no predatory designs there, he said. It had no intention of utilising its armed forces to interfere in the present situation.

"The United States will not pursue a course which will lead to involvement in the civil conflict in China", Mr. Truman said.

The President announced in advance of his press conference that he would not answer any questions regarding his statement but that the Secretary of State would hold a press conference this evening for that purpose.

BRITAIN'S MOVE

LONDON: The Chinese Ambassador in London Dr. Cheng Ien-hsi, has been asked to call on Mr. Hector McNeil, British Minister of State late this evening.

According to a usually reliable source it is understood Mr. McNeil will tell him Britain has decided to break off relations with the Chinese Nationalist Government and to recognise the Chinese Communists.

The source said Britain would recognise the Chinese Communist Government tomorrow and the Chinese Ambassador's visit would be the first move in Britain's breaking off relations with the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Britain is expected to recognise the Communist Government tomorrow in a note to be delivered by the British Consul-General in Peking.

Britain will thus be the fourth non-Communist power to recognise the Chinese Communists. The others are Burma, India and Pakistan.

Formosa Forms Part Of China

U. S. ATTITUDE

Recognition Of Mao Immature

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter).

THE United Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson said today that the island of Formosa should be regarded as part of the territory of China.

Mr. Acheson said the United States considered premature any consideration of recognition of the Chinese Communist Government at this time.

INQUIRY INTO REWA FIRING

Nehru's Assurance To Deputation

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (U.P.I.): The Vindhya Pradesh all parties deputation met the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, this evening at the Secretariat.

The deputation placed before the Prime Minister facts about the firing, lathi charge, arrests, etc. at Rewa and other places due to anti-merger agitation and requested an impartial enquiry.

The Prime Minister is reported to have assured the deputationists that full reports from both the sides have been asked for and the facts are awaited.

On being requested that Vindhya Pradesh should be allowed to exist as a unit and should not be merged, Pandit Nehru is understood to have disclosed that so far no such decision had been taken and only a Chief Commissioner's Province had been created. The Prime Minister assured that public opinion would be consulted before taking any decision.

BULLET VICTIMS DIE IN HOSPITAL

Rewa Back To Normal

REWA, Jan. 5 (UPI).—Two of the five persons who had been admitted to hospital with bullet injuries as a result of the police firing on the anti-merger demonstrators on Monday last have died. Seventeen others who are being treated for comparatively minor injuries are progressing satisfactorily.

Twenty-one Socialists were arrested and remanded to custody in connection with the incident.

Rewa has almost returned to normal after the excitement and fury that followed the police firing. Shops that were closed till yesterday as a protest against the firing are being opened. The dusk-to-dawn curfew has been relaxed.

PICKETING AT BARODA PALACE GATES

4 Strikers Convicted

BARODA, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Four of the striking employees of the Baroda Maharaja's household were convicted today, on charges of picketing and causing obstruction at the Palace gates, by the First Class City Magistrate. They were sentenced to 15 days' simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100.

NEW CHAPTER IN INDO-AFGHAN RELATIONS

Pandit Nehru and His Excellency the Afghan Ambassador, Sardar Najib-Ullah Khan, signing the Treaty of Friendship between India and Afghanistan at New Delhi on January 4. Standing behind are: Major L. S. Chopra, Deputy Secretary, External Affairs Ministry; Attache, Afghan Embassy, Mrs. Rama Mehta, Under-Secretary, and Mr. K. P. S. Menon, Secretary, External Affairs Ministry; Mr. Ghulam Rasul, Commercial Secretary and Mr. Abdul Qayum, First Secretary, Afghan Embassy.

Jute Still Held Up

NO MOVEMENT FROM EAST BENGAL

CALCUTTA, Jan. 5, (UPI).

THERE has been no movement to their destination in West Bengal of Assam jute in transit through East Bengal or jute purchased in East Bengal before devaluation as a result of the recent discussions in Delhi and Calcutta. The East Bengal Government has not issued any order permitting such movements.

A press Note issued by the West Bengal Government this evening in this connection, says:— "Enquiries have been made from the Government of West Bengal by various quarters as to whether as a result of the recent discussions between the representatives of the Indian and Pakistan Governments, Assam jute in transit through East Bengal, or jute purchased in East Bengal before devaluation have moved to their destinations in West Bengal. So far as this Government are aware, no such movement has taken place and the East Bengal Government have not issued any orders permitting such movements."

TRIAL OF JODHPUR EX-MINISTERS

Charges Of Criminal Breach Of Trust

JAIPUR, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Mr. Jainarain Vyas, Member of the Constituent Assembly and former Chief Minister of Jodhpur, and Mr. Mathurdas Mathur, former Education Minister of Jodhpur, will be tried by a Special Criminal Court set up by the Rajasthan Government, on charges of criminal breach of trust and cheating and conspiracy to commit these offences, according to a Gazette Extra-ordinary announcement issued today.

The announcement adds that Mr. Dwarkadas Purohit, former Finance Minister of Jodhpur, will be tried on charges of criminal breach of trust and conspiracy to commit the offence and accepting bribery.

Mr. Mathurdas will also be tried on the charge of accepting bribery.

Mr. M. I. Sondhi of Messrs Sondhi Brothers, Jodhpur, Mr. Shyam Krishna Vyas, Personal Assistant to Mr. Jainarain Vyas, Kapurchand Mangal, Personal Assistant to Mr. Mathurdas Mathur and Mr. Mukundlal, Personal Assistant to Mr. Dwarkadas Purohit, will also be tried on various similar charges.

Stewart Murder Echo

SIBU (SARAWAK), Jan. 5 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Two Malay youths pleaded guilty here today to the murder of Mr. Duncan Stewart, former Governor of Sarawak. They are Rosli Bin Dobi, (19), and Morshidi Bin Sider, (25).

BAO DAI RESIGNS

New Cabinet Not Yet

PARIS, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.-Reuter).

BAO DAI, head of the State of the newly independent Viet Nam resigned today as Prime Minister and is reported to have offered the post to Foreign Minister Phan Long, Agence France Presse reported from Saigon.

The agency quoted generally well-informed authorities as saying Phang Long had accepted, but this was not officially confirmed.

Bao Dai informed his Council of Ministers in a communique today that he was dissolving the six months old Government and would designate the new Premier.

It was generally expected that Bao Dai would relinquish the Premiership after the transfer of power from France to Viet Nam on December 30.

Members of Phan Long's entourage said he had virtually constituted a new Government in which he would probably take the Foreign Affairs and Interior Ministries.

Composition of the new Government was not expected to be announced for another 48 hours. Bao Dai is due to visit Southern Viet Nam tomorrow.

Shanghai Bombed, Heavy Onslaught

HONG KONG, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter): Chinese Nationalist Mustangs "severely" bombed Lunghwa airfield, Shanghai, early today destroying installations, according to an official Central News Agency report.

A formation of Mosquitoes also bombed Communist vessels off the Shanghai coast, it added.

KMT DIGGING IN

The pro-Communist Chinese newspaper "Tarungpao" said here today that former high-ranking Japanese naval and military officers were helping Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to prepare the defence of Formosa against the Chinese Communists.

In a despatch from Taipeh, capital of Formosa, the paper said the Japanese officers were living at Tsaoshan, Formosa, present home of General Chiang.

The correspondent said the Nationalists had decided to build 1,500 strong points on the west coast of the island, for which they had requisitioned 100,000 tons of cement, 50,000 tons of steel, and a large quantity of timber. Radar installations were also being constructed, the article added.

Communist authorities in Canton today ordered immediate requisitioning of a large number of rivercraft, according to usually reliable Chinese reports reaching Hong Kong. Reports said the craft would be used for the invasion of Southern Hainan island, separated from the Chinese mainland by the 25-mile Hainan strait.

Exchange Of Rolling Stock

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Matters relating to exchange of rolling stock between India and Pakistan are likely to be taken up at governmental level shortly, Mr. Daya Chand, Chief Administrative Officer of the Eastern Punjab Railway, told a press conference here today.

As a result of disagreement over the ratio of exchange of coaches between the E. P. Railway and the N. W. Railway (Pakistan) the inter-Dominion exchange of coaches had been suspended, he said. Since no final decision could be arrived at by the railways, the matter had now been referred by the E. P. Railway to the Government of India.

I. L. O. Invitation To Indonesia

MYSORE, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Mr. David A Morse, Director-General of I.L.O., has sent an invitation to Indonesia to send a tripartite delegation to the Asian Regional Conference to be held in Ceylon

The invitation follows the decision taken at the I.L.O. Governing Body meeting here on January 3.

Conserve Coal Resources

DR. KRISHNAN'S PLEA

POONA, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Dr. M. S. Krishnan, Chairman of the Coal Conservation Committee of the Government of India, today urged the use of coal with "the minimum waste" in order to conserve India's resources of this precious fuel".

Dr. Krishnan, who was addressing the 37th session of the Indian Science Congress here said: In India there was still no far idea about the total reserves of coal and only two fields—Jharia and Raniganj— had been properly surveyed. "We should undertake an intense survey of the other coal fields and rationalise our methods of prospecting and mining", he said.

300 Arrested In E. Java Town

DJAKARTA, Jan. 5 (PTI)—The Netherlands news agency Aneta reported here today that 300 people had been arrested by the police in predominantly Chinese quarters of Malang, East Java, cables N Rajamani, PTI correspondent in Djakarta.

Most of them were found carrying arms illegally and 70 were falsely wearing the uniform of the Indonesian Republican Army.

The Government of India are likely to appoint a Commissioner for opium control in India. The Commissioner will be charged with the task of coordinating the work of reduction of cultivation and manufacture of opium throughout India, it is learnt.

FUTURE OF DUTCH NEW GUINEA

Australian Claims Refuted

DJAKARTA, Jan. 5, (PTI-Reuter): One of Indonesia's two major political parties, the Nationalist Indonesia Party, through its Chairman Sudjono Hadinato today expressed "astonishment over the excited Australian Press campaign regarding New Guinea".

The Indonesian claim was not based merely on racial grounds. "We have made no claims for Australian New Guinea, British Borneo or Malaya, all of which are racially one," he added.

He hoped "reactionary forces" in Australia would not be allowed to "develop their imperialistic trends and drown the voices of those friendly towards Indonesians aspirations.

Both the Indonesian Prime Minister and the Australian External Affairs Minister denied here today having discussed the uncertain future of Dutch New Guinea, left to the Dutch Crown for one year in the Indonesian Independence Agreement on November 2.

The Premier Dr. Mohammed Hatta said his Government was preoccupied with more urgent considerations.

The External Affairs Minister Percy Spender, on his way to the British Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Conference in Colombo, declined to comment when asked at a press conference for his Government's views.

He also declined to say whether he would raise the matter at Colombo as demanded by an influential section of the Australian Press.

Cement Import To End

DELHI DECISION

NEW DELHI, Jan 5, (PTI).

THE Government of India have decided to stop the import of foreign cement excepting for quantities included in trade agreements with certain countries and also increase the quantity of free sale of indigenous cement to ten bags per person per month, it is learnt here.

These decisions it is learnt, have been reached by the Government on account of increased production of cement by Indian factories.

In August last, it was decided to allow a free sale of imported cement upto 5 bags per family per month so as to alleviate the hardship of small consumers. Although the present supply position of indigenous cement is said to have improved considerably, the Government are reported to be feeling that the system of free sale cannot be continued without limitation though it may be extended to indigenous cement. The limit has been tentatively fixed as ten bags per person per month.

It has been left to the cement factories to decide the total quantities to be distributed without permits subject to the condition that the supplies against permit issued by the Central and Provincial Controllers are not affected in any way.

UPWARD TREND

The production of cement is reported to be on the upward trend. In 1947, the production of cement in Indian Union was 14,41,335 tons while in 1948 it had increased to 15,52,907 tons. According to the figures available for the eleven months of 1949, the production returns are reported to be 18,61,890 tons.

Last year India imported about 200,000 tons of cement. According to trade agreements with Poland, Yugoslavia and certain other countries, India is understood to have committed herself to import approximately 50,000 tons of cement a year. These trade agreements, it is stated will, not be affected by the decision of the Government to stop import.

BUS FALLS DOWN RIVER BANK

1 Killed, 4 Injured

TEZPUR (ASSAM), Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): One person was killed and four others were injured as a result of a bus accident near Silghat (Tezpur) today. The injured were removed to hospital.

It is stated that while taking a turn near Silghat ferry, the drived lost control over the steering as a result of which the bus carrying a number of passengers, skidded and fell a few feet down the river bank. The vehicle was badly damaged.

Greek Coalition Falls

ATHENS, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter)—The Greek coalition Government headed by Alexander Diomedes (non-party) has resigned, it was officially announced here today. aField Marshal Alexander Papagos, has also resigned as the Commander-in-Chief.

The Diomedes Cabinet, consisting of Liberals, Populists and Unionists was formed on July 1 after the death of the former veteran Liberal Premier, M. Themistocles Sophoulis.

Clue To The Next War?

UNCLE SAM WILL RUSH TO AID DISTANT YUGOSLAVIA

An Envoy Flourishes A Threat

LONDON, January 5 (PTI-Reuter).

THE United States will oppose any Soviet aggression against Yugoslavia which is clearly threatened at the present time, according to Mr. George V. Allen, American Ambassador-designate to Yugoslavia, who held a press conference in London today.

Mr. Allen quoted a statement by President Truman on December 22, 1948, that it was the policy of the United States to oppose aggression.

"That goes for Yugoslavia, which is clearly threatened if we are to listen not only to the words of Soviet propaganda, but also to the official statements of high Soviet authorities such as M. Molotov", he declared.

"Yugoslavia is threatened, and in that situation America's opposition to aggression is applicable. America is fully sympathetic to the efforts of Yugoslavia to maintain its independence and freedom."

"REQUEST" NEEDED

In reply to a question, Mr. Allen said that America's determination to oppose aggression would apply to guerilla war tactics or infiltration if assisted from outside.

Asked whether the United States would give Yugoslavia material and military assistance to oppose aggression, Mr. Allen said, "The United States of America has never taken the initiative in supplying military assistance. This would have to be based on a request".

ENVOY TO ITALY

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5.—The Government of India have selected Shri Binay Ranjan Sen at present Minister in the Embassy of India, Washington, as India's Ambassador to Italy in place of late Dwan Ram Lal.

Stalemate In Indo-Russian Food Talks

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (PTI)—Negotiations between India and Russia for a fourth agreement for the supply of foodgrains by Russia to India are stated to have been suspended indefinitely it is learnt.

Protracted negotiations took place over the agreement last year but were discontinued as the parties could not agree over the question of price of the wheat to be supplied by Russia in exchange of jute, castor oil and shellac.

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The sealed tenders should be handed over to the Superintendent of Accounts in this office on Friday, the 13th January, 1950, between 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. (B.T.).

M. P. SHAH,
For Secretary,
Schools Committee.

The Schools Committee's Office,
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4th January, 1950.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ADJOURNED MEETING

ADJOURNED MEETING of the Democratic Group of INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER will be held on FRIDAY, 6th January, 1950, at 5-30 at MONJINIS LTD.

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Docks Manager.

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HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

Insolvency No. 138 of 1949

Re: DWARKABAI PURSHOTTAM WAGH, of Bombay, residing at "Vithal Niwas" Sandhurst Road Bombay 4. .... A Debtor.

Ex parte: Messrs. KUNDANMAL NIHALCHAND & CO. ..... Petitioning Creditors.

On the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioning Creditors presented on the 15th day of December, 1949, an Order was made this day by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1950.

SAROSH H. A. VAKIL,
Insolvency Registrar,
High Court, Bombay.

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HIGH COURT
O.O.C.J.
Suit No. 463 of 1948

KHETSEY DEVSEY. .... Plaintiff.
Vs.
NARHAR GANESH JOSHI and others. .... Defendants

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the immoveable property, situate at the North side of Anaji Sunder Road, Thana, will be sold by the Commissioner, High Court, Bombay at the site of the property at 2 p.m. (S.T.) on SATURDAY, the 7th January, 1950, as advertised in:

"The Bombay Chronicle" on 24th December, 1949 and "Navakal" on 31st December, 1949.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1949.

A. H. KIRTIKAR,
Commissioner.

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IN ACCORDANCE with section 184 of the Sea Customs Act 8 of 1878 under instructions from the Collector of Customs Bombay MENESSE & CO. will sell by public auction on TUESDAY, the 10th January, 1950, at 3 P.M. (S.T.) at the Alexandra Dock near Custom Inspectors office. 2 Case Charts in frames of Celluloid sheets: 1 case concrete Mist. with accessories, 1 case agriculture saw bench and accessories, 28 Drums Indian Sodium Sulphide.

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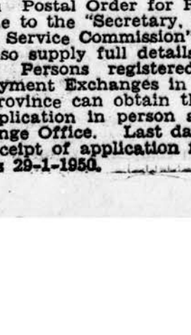

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DEPARTMENTAL CLEAN-UP OF CORRUPTION

84 Government Servants Dismissed, 22 Suspended

BOMBAY, Thursday.

EIGHTY-FOUR Government servants were dismissed and 22 suspended from service pending proceedings against them on charges of bribery and corruption, in Bombay Province, during the first half of 1949.

Out of the 84 dismissals, 55 were in the Police Department, 12 in the district and village offices under the control of the Revenue Department, eight in the Civil Supplies Department, four in the Agricultural and Forests Department, three in the Office of the Backward Class Officer and two in the Office of the Surgeon-General. All the 22 suspensions were in the subordinate services under the administration of the Revenue Department.

The Government has been pursuing vigorously its policy of stamping out corruption and bribery among public service. While the Anti-corruption Branches of the Provincial Police and the Bombay C.I.D. are at work detecting crime and proceeding against the culprits, departmental action is taken against members of the subordinate services who, after proper departmental enquiries, are found corrupt. Such cases are investigated in accordance with the quasi-judicial procedure prescribed under the Government Service Conduct and Discipline Rules and punishment is meted out to corrupt persons in the form of dismissal, discharge, reduction in pay or grade, stoppage of increment, etc. Prosecutions in courts of law are also launched.

During the period under review, besides 84 dismissals and 22 suspensions, eight Government servants were convicted in courts of law and departmental enquiries against four were proceeding. Fifteen persons were penalised by way of reduction in pay or grade, stoppage of increments and compulsory retirement. Out of the eight convictions, seven obtained in the subordinate service of the Revenue Department and one in the Forest Department. The other Departments in which cases of corruption occurred were the Development Department (two cases) and the Office of the Director of Public Health (one case).

HARMFUL DRUGS IN ALLOPATHY

Pandit Sharma Defends Ayurveda

BOMBAY, Thursday (PTI): Pandit Shiv Sharma, former President of the All India Ayurvedic Conference said yesterday that it was entirely wrong to state that allopathy had assimilated all that was useful in Ayurveda.

Pandit Shiv Sharma was commenting on the speech of Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta, President of the All-India Medical Conference held on December 27 in Allahabad.

Pandit Shiv Sharma agreed that "allopathy has drawn a lot on the Ayurvedic treasure". He added: "It is welcome to do so; but the allopathic treatment is still a glaring failure even in such simple ailments as common colds, catarrahs, dispepsia, rheumatism, etc.

"The drugs chiefly used in these diseases are not of Ayurvedic origin and therefore are either as safe nor as beneficial as Ayurvedic drugs are".

He particularly referred to certain types of allopathic medicines which he said, "are leaving a trail of damaged kidneys, livers and hearts behind them. The contribution of the allopathic treatment in incidence of nephritis, high blood pressure and various toxemias is far from negligible".

"Regarding Dr. Chamanlal Mehta's complaint that the Government has frittered away large sums of money on the "unscientific" systems, I would invite him to study the expenditure on Ayurveda in the light of the income to the Government from Ayurvedic sources, from private dominations and the registration fees of the vaidyas, and then compare it with the astronomical figures spent on allopathy—the doctor would blush at the favouritism his system receives at the hands of the Government".

NIZAM'S ARABS RETURN

Repatriated To Aden

BOMBAY, Thursday. (U.P.I.): The fourth batch, numbering 285 of Arab Nationals in Hyderabad passed through Bombay today on their way to Aden under the protection of the Government of India. They are said to have expressed their wish to return to their native land in Saudi Arabia and are being repatriated by the Government of India with the concurrence of the Nizam.

Under the direction of the States Ministry of the Government of India, repatriation of these Arabs started in August 1948. They served as 'irregulars' in the Nizam's Army.

Three batches numbering about 2,000 have already been sent similarly and the last batch numbering about 500, will be repatriated shortly.

These Arabs had lived for two or three generations in Hyderabad.

NO "SCARCITY" IN DHARWAR

Relief Suspended

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The end of scarcity conditions in Navalgund taluka and Nargund petna in Dharwar district and Ramdurg taluka in Bijapur district, with effect from January 1, 1950 has been declared by the Government of Bombay. It has directed that the payment of gratuitous relief should be discontinued after giving valedictory dole to all those who were receiving such relief.

Mr. H. G. Mudgal.

CONSTITUENT BODY: NEW MEMBERS

BOMBAY, Thursday: The following persons who were the only validly nominated candidates have been elected to the seats of ten members of the Constituent Assembly of India representing the Province of Bombay or the Bombay States, which will become vacant on January 26, 1950.

Mr. Joachim Alva, Mr. Manilal Chaturbhai Shah, Mr. Bhaurao Sakharam Hiray, Mr. Hucheshwar Gurusidha Mudgal, Mrs. Jayashri Raiji, Mr. Trimbak Raghunath Deogirikar, Mr. Khandubhai K. Desai, Mr. Tayapa Hari Sonavane, Mr. Rasoolkhan Husainkhan Pathan and Mr. Mohamed Yasseen Nurie.

Of these, Mr. Tayapa Hari Sonavane who belongs to Scheduled Castes and Meers, Rasoolkhan Husainkhan Pathan and Mohamed Yasseen Nurie, who are Muslims, have been elected to the seats held in the Constituent Assembly by Mr. Ramchandra Manohar Nalavade, and Messrs. Abdul Kadar Mohmad Shaikh and A. A. Khan, respectively.

For the two vacancies in the office of members representing the Bombay States in the Constituent Assembly of India which have occurred by the death of Mr. K. Kothawala and by the resignation of Mr. B. H. Khardekar, there were two validly nominated candidates, namely, Mr. Ratnappa Bharamappa Kumbhar and Mr. Narasinh Tato Dabhade. Of these, Mr. Kumbhar has been declared elected to one of the two vacancies, Mr. Dabhade has withdrawn his candidature within the time limit prescribed.

OVER 3,000 ACRES OF WASTE LAND UNDER THE PLOUGH

Seventeen Villages Chosen In Kanara

SCHEMES for bringing under the plough 3,160 acres of waste land in 17 villages in Kanara district have been sanctioned by the Government of Bombay.

These 17 villages are Hirenalli, Hire Bachanki, Kusur, Arsangiri, Hanmapur, Ugginkeri, Thattihalli, Kop (Indur), Majjigori, Nyasargi, Kargolli, Teggirkop and Tammyankop, all in Mundgod taluka, Kuntgunti and Dongri, in Ankola taluka, and Surgar and Jenmande, in Sirsi taluka.

The capital expenditure on these schemes is estimated at Rs. 265,427, which amount will be spent on the clearance of gamthana, the provision of drinking water supply, the construction of approach roads and repairs to minor irrigation tanks.

Three hundred and forty-six families are proposed to be settled in the 17 villages in order to cultivate the waste lands and each of them will be allotted an economic holding, which comprises six to ten acres, according to the type of the soil.

MILLION-RUPEE LOANS

Loans to the extent of a little over a million rupees will be advanced to them for the purpose of building residential huts and cattle sheds and for purchasing bullocks, farm implements, seed, etc.

The schemes will be conducted, as far as possible, on cooperative lines. However, the question of the formation of cooperative societies will be taken up after the lands are brought under cultivation and the colonists are settled.

Loans will be recovered from the third year in 15 annual instalments with 3 1/4 per-cent. interest thereon. No interest will be charged for the first two years.

The lands included under the colonization schemes will be exempted from agricultural assessment for the first four years and the occupancy price equal to one year's assessment will be recovered during the first four years. The lands will be given on new tenure, i.e., inalienable and impartible tenure. The cultivators will have to grow foodcrops on the land for a period of five years including the first cropping season, and failure on their part to do so will involve the penalty of eviction and resumption of land by the Government. The Government has also decided to continue the Hillur and Rampur colonisation schemes up to March 31, 1951.

MAHASABHA NO PARTY TO PARTITION

Dange's Reply To Nehru And Sardar

BOMBAY, Thursday (UPI)—"The Mahasabha was never a party to the partition and, therefore, has every right to repudiate the agreement and vouchsafe its full faith in the Akhand Bharat" says Mr. N. D. Dange, President of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Mahasabha, in a statement to the press today referring to the recent criticism of the Mahasabha's Akhand Bharat demand, by Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel

Mr. Dange adds: "The Mahasabha has decided to place the above facts before the electorate and then let the electorate alone decide in the long run, whether the aim of Akhand Bharat is meaningless, irresponsible or foolish". Mahsabha believes to achieve this goal of Akhand Bharat by constitutional, lawful and proper means and methods and if vested with power the Hindu Mahasabha is sure to achieve the said goal. It is, therefore premature and too early to call any names at the Mahasabha, at let at this stage."

SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE OPENED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A social service centre has been opened at Dadar and is located on the Ground Floor of the King George High School building (West Wing). This centre will remain open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. A few Congress workers of the Hindu Colony have formed themselves into a Committee and are attending to the day to day affairs of this centre.

The object of this centre is to receive complaints concerning civic matters and other grievances of the public with a view to getting them redressed with the help of the authorities.

ONLY STRONG MEASURES CAN BRING DOWN PRICES IN INDIA

AN OXFORD PROFESSOR'S VIEW

BOMBAY, Thursday.—The problem of a reduction in the price level in India was "stupendous" and "strong measures" would have to be taken to solve it, said Prof. J. R. Hicks, of the University of Oxford, in an interview here today.

Prof. Hicks, who has been invited by the Delhi University to deliver a series of lectures, however, made it clear that he had not yet been able to study the Indian economic situation in detail.

Lack of capital formation in India was not an isolated phenomenon, and the tendency was noticeable in other countries as well, though to a much less degree, he said.

Speaking of foreign investments, specially American, Prof. Hicks said the average return on private investment in the United States was fairly high, and the American investor naturally would look for some incentive, apart from the customary safeguards, before investing overseas.

The exchange control had come to stay, he said. Lessening the rigours of control might be possible, but free trade seemed as remote as ever.

Prof. Hicks and Mrs. Ursulla Hicks (who is also an economist) left for Delhi this evening.

VILLAGE GUARDS ATTACKED

Work Of Red Mob In Bengal

CALCUTTA, Jan. 5 (PTI)—Three persons were killed and four others injured when a mob, alleged to be led by Communists attacked with bombs and fire-arms the houses of some members of the village defence party, in Rajnagar (Kakdwip police station) on the night of January 2, according to information received here today.

The mob raided the houses of the members simultaneously, set fire to a number of them and attacked the inmates, resulting in injuries to seven persons, three of whom later died. The miscreants, however, escaped before the arrival of the police. Nearly fifty persons were arrested in this connection.

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Lowtide: 07-48, 19-15.

Today's Engagements

BOMBAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION: Public meeting at Servants of India Society Hall, Sandhurst Road, 6 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Various Principles" at Jehangir Wadia Building, Fort, 6-15 p.m.

GOAN POLITICAL CONFERENCE: Meeting of Executive Committee at 11, Bruce St., Fort, 6-30 p.m.

NATIONAL SEAMEN'S UNION OF INDIA: Foundation laying ceremony of Union Building at Goa Street, Ballard St., by Hon. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, 5 p.m.

CONGRESS HOUSE: Pandit Hiralal Shastri, Premier of Rajasthan to meet press, at 10 a.m.

BOMBAY UNION OF JOURNALISTS: Prof. D. D. T. Jabave, Forthare University College, Cape Province, South Africa, will address members on "The Colour Bar" at the Club, Prospect Chambers Annexe, Hornby Road, at 6 p.m.

Bombay By-Election

BOMBAY, Thursday Dates for the various stages of by-election to the Bombay Legislative Assembly from the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Bombay Presidency Trades Association constituency, have been fixed by the Governor. The resignation of his seat in the Assembly by Mr. S. J. McCann has necessitated the bye-election.

The last date for the nomination of candidates is January 16, 1950 and security of nominations will be held the same day. Polling will take place on February 7 and votes will be counted on February 9.

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Mr. M. C. Setalvad, the Governor, Mrs. Setalvad and Mr. Vardhariar at the Burma Independence Day celebrations.

CITY CORPORATION ADJOURNS

Respect To Memory Of Sir Mathuradas

BOMBAY, Thursday.
The Bombay Municipal Corporation adjourned this afternoon without transacting any business, as a mark of respect to the memory of Sir Mathuradas Vassanji, who died recently.

The Late Sir Mathuradas was a prominent businessman, and was actively associated with several charitable institutions. He was at one time the Sheriff of Bombay.

Condolence resolutions were also passed on the death, last month, of Professor Sohrab Davar, who was a corporator from 1932 to 1948. Professor Davar was also a member of the statutory bodies of the Corporation, and in his capacity as corporator he served the city meritoriously and brought to bear a healthy mentality upon all civic affairs.

Tributes were paid to the late Sir J. B. Bohman Behram, who besides his several business connections, was once a Mayor of the Bombay Municipal Corporation. The late Sir Bohman placed civic and social service in the forefront of his activities, and never did he waver in his zeal to improve conditions in the city and effect reforms in its life.

WORLD PACIFISTS IN BOMBAY

P. E. N. Reception

BOMBAY, Thursday.
Some of the foreign delegates to the World Pacifist Conference who are on their way home after attending the Conference at Sevagram, were given a reception under the auspices of the P.E.N. at the Town Hall, Bombay, this evening. Madame Sofia Wadia presided.

Among the delegates who attended the function were Mr. Richard B. Gregg, Mr. David Don Tengo Jaban (South Africa), Mr. U. Lu Pen Win (Burma) and Mr. G. Marchand. They all addressed the gathering and gave in brief their impression about the Conference

Mr. Gregg said that there was only one way left for them by which they would establish permanent peace in the world. That way, he said, was to follow the principle of non-violence preached by Mahatma Gandhi. At the Pacifist Conference, the delegates had an opportunity to understand a great deal of Mahatma's message and every one of them was influenced by it. They were carrying the message to their countries and would do all that was in their individual capacity to spread that message.

The other delegates expressed similar sentiments and said that Gandhism was the only solace to ailing humanity.

GIVE HIGH PRIORITY FOR KOYNA SCHEME

Maharashtra Chamber's Call To Government

BOMBAY, Thursday (UPI)—The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce in a memorandum submitted to the Government of Bombay, has requested the Provincial Government to take up as a question of high priority, the project for the construction of the Koyna Hydro-Electric Plant and approach the Government of India for financial assistance

The Chamber in its memorandum have emphasised that the project when completed, would make a very large quantity of cheap electric power available for the use of industry as well as for agriculture in parts of the Province It might also be possible, the memo adds, to undertake the electrification of the railway lines in the Southern Maratha country later on when found necessary. At present, the memorandum says, the difficulty of bringing coal by rail from great distances has hampered the industrial development of certain parts of Maharashtra.

A Good Neighbour Of India

CITY CELEBRATIONS

BOMBAY, Thursday.
"Peace and prosperity there will be in India and Burma so long as the Buddha's message of loving kindness and compassionate selflessness is respected and practised by their peoples" said the Hon'ble Thakin Nu, Prime Minister of Burma, in a message to the Friends of Burma Society on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Independence of Burma, which was celebrated today at the Radio Club.

Speaking on the occasion, Raja Maharaj Singh said that India wished to maintain friendly relations with all her neighbours and particularly with Burma.

The Governor had visited Burma some years ago, he said that he was impressed by that country. It was a very beautiful land, inhabited by singularly attractive people. This might be partly due to its women, who did all work.

He added, "The spirit of the Buddha seems to rest over the peaceful and peace-loving people." India and Burma, he pointed out, had never been at war and there could not be anything but pleasing relations between these two neighbours.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad, President of the Society, recalled the various political, social, economic and cultural ties that existed between India and Burma for over a century and emphasised the need for continuing close relations, particularly for ensuring peace in South-East Asia. He said that events were fast moving in this part of the world and those who were interested in stabilising peace and order, should work for cultivating lasting ties between India and Burma. Economically, India and Burma were interdependent, he said.

Fodder Varieties Of Jowar

BOMBAY, Thursday: The Government of Bombay has amended the Bombay Foodgrains (Regulation of Movement and Sale) Order, 1949, so as to exempt sundhia, chhasatia, utavali, nilwa, hundi, khondi and argad varieties of jowar from the restrictions on inter-village, inter-taluka and inter-district movement and on their sale or disposal as these varieties are used essentially as fodder.

Dry Weather Continues

ALL-INDIA REPORT

POONA, Jan. 5, (P.T.I.): The following is the daily weather summary for Thursday:—

Weather has been dry over the country. Night temperatures have been appreciably below normal in Northern India, and markedly so in east Rajasthan, the East Punjab and the south-east United Provinces

FORECAST VALID UNTIL FRIDAY EVENING: Weather will continue to be dry. No appreciable change in night temperatures is expected.

CHART

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from December 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 8 a.m., on Thursday:—

Ahmedabad 78 57 0 0 minus 0.1, Ahmednagar 85 53 0 0 minus 0.3, Ambala 72 39 0 0.4 minus 9.8, Bangalore 79 56 0 0 minus 0.5, Baroda 83 52 0 0 0, Belgaum 83 54 0 0 minus 0.3, BOMBAY 80 72 0 0 minus 0.5, Calcutta 79 53 0 0 minus 0.2, Darjeeling 43 35 0 0.4 0, Delhi 67 39 0 0.1 minus 0.4, Hyderabad (Dn.) 87 59 0 0 minus 0.3, Jubbulpore 75 49 0 0 minus 0.5, Madras 83 70 0 0 minus 5.7, Mussoori 49 36 0 1.0 minus 0.5, Negapatam 82 77 0 0.1 minus 11.5, Nellore 88 65 0 0 minus 3.3, Nagpur 82 57 0 0 minus 0.5, Ootacamund 68 35 0 0 minus 2.3, Patiala 70 38 0 0.3 —, Patna 69 43 0 0 minus 0.3, Poona 86 50 0 0 minus 0.2, Sholapur 89 58 0 0 minus 0.5 Simla 50 34 0 1.6 minus 0.1, Srinagar 36 25 0 1.9 plus 0.2, Surat 83 55 0 0 minus 0.1.

NO PIPE-MAKING PLANT BOUGHT

City Firm's Denial

BOMBAY, Thursday.
With reference to the report from the U.P.I., published in Wednesday's "Bombay Chronicle", that a contract for a pipe-making plant has been given by the Tata Industries, Bombay, to an Australian Firm named Welded Products Limited, we are informed by Messrs Structural Engineering Works, Ltd., that they have secured the contract for pipes for augmenting Bombay City's water supply and that they have not placed an order or signed a contract with Welded Products Limited. Messrs Structural Engineering Works wish to state that they are not a subsidiary concern of Messrs Tata Industries.

PRIMARY TEACHERS IN MERGED STATES

Fixing Starting Pay

BOMBAY, Thursday.
The Government of Bombay has directed that the starting pay of primary school teachers from merged States on their absorption in the employ of the District School Boards or Authorised Municipalities should be fixed in the same manner as prescribed in the case of State servants absorbed in the Bombay Government service. The question of fixing the seniority of such teachers is under the consideration of the Government.

Primary Teachers' House Rent

BOMBAY, Thursday.
In view of the prevailing acute housing shortage, the Government of Bombay has directed that primary teachers who are otherwise eligible for house rent allowance should be allowed to draw the allowance, even if they share accommodation with other primary teachers. This concession, which takes effect from January 1, 1949, will remain in force upto December 31, 1950.

TODAY'S RADIO

FRIDAY, Jan. 6.

Air News From Delhi

English—8 a.m., 1-30 p.m. 6, 9; Gujerati—8-45 a.m., 1 p.m., 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m. 1-40 p.m., 6-10, 9-15; Kannada—7-40 a.m.; 7-45 p.m., Malayalam—7-30 a.m., 7-30 p.m.; Marathi—8-30 a.m., 12-50 p.m., 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m., 2 p.m., 7-15; Telugu—7 a.m., 1-50 p.m., 7.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhaee, 7-45 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme, 7-45 S. Shroff, geet, 8-15 K. Hussain, vocal, 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari, 12-50 S. Shroff, geet, 1-40 Boston symp. orch. 4-20 School broadcast, 5-0 Tarabai Shetye, kh. vilambit, 5-20 N. Indorekar, tabla, 5-30 K. Husain, shree, 6-10 Music lessons, 6-30 Mohantara Ajinkya kh. vilambit, 7-0 Shingul, rabab par ek dhun, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 G. Geet, 7-30 G. G. Kharadkar puria dhaneshri 7-45 For industrial workers, 9-15 S. Shroff, geet, 9-30 Film song, 9-45 For Universities, E. 10-0 Lucila Pacheco, pianoforte, 10-15 Gene Krupa, 10-30 H. Kingdom's swing trio.

VARIATIONS— 8-0 a.m. N. Indorekar, tabla, 8-45 G. Powle, bhavgeet, 1 p.m. G. Powle bhavgeet, 1-10 Jivan path, 1-50 Mahila Mandal, 5-0 Hindi lessons, 6-0 S. K. Hira, bhajan, 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news, 8-15 S. K. Hira, geets, 8-30 M. Avhan, talk M. 8-45 Month's song M. 9-0 Duet by N. Indorekar and S. Patwardhan on tabla and pakhwaj, 10-0 Variety, 10-30 K. Hyusain, kh. bilambit.

BARODA

7-30 Guitar par bhairavi, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 Bansilal Shah, kalingada, 8-15 As in Ahmedabad, 8-30 R. Murtiwala, geets, 5-30 p.m. D. D. Patel, pakhwaj, 5-45 As in Ahmedabad, 6-10 Hindi lessons, 6-30 For rural listeners, 7-0 As in Ahmedabad, 7-15 Y. N. Mehta on "Guest is God incarnate", G, 8-0 Geet Lahari, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 As in Ahmedabad, 9-15 Bharatiya sangeet, 9-30 Listeners' requests.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. As in Baroda, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 As in Baroda, 8-15 Nam Smaran, 8-30 As in Baroda, 5-30 p.m. As in Baroda, 5-45 C. Nayak, kh. purvi, 6-10 Hindi lessons, 6-30 S. Tripathi, geet, 6-45 C. Nayak, zinzoti dhun, 7-0 Bal Melo, 7-15 Moolyan parivartan, G, 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 U. K. Joshi's geet, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 C. Nayak, 9-15 Bharatiya sangeet, 9-30 G. Sant, shanai, 9-45 S. Tripathi pads.

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FRIDAY, January 6.
B. B. C. News Schedule and Metre Bands: 6-30 a.m.—31 and 41: 8-30—31 and 41: 9-30—31: 11-30—19 and 25: 12-30 p.m. 13 and 19: 4-30—13 and 16: 6-30—13 and 16: 9-30—10 and 31
GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE:
6-45 a.m. British Political Weekly. 7 Ray Martin. 7-30 Meet the Commonwealth. 8 Sandy Macpherson at the Theatre Organ. 8-15 Special Dispatch. 8-45 BBC Northern Orchestra. 10 Syn Dean and his Band. 10-30 Scottish Magazine 11 Sports Review. 11-15 Listeners' Choice. 11-45 The Philharmonic Orchestra. 1 p.m. Dance Music. 1-30 From the third Programme. 2-30 The Skipper's Last Trip. 3 Listeners' Choice. 3-45 Bert Palmer and the Critic. 4 Jack Natnan and His Band. 4-45 Think of These Things. 5 From the Third Programme 5-45 London Light Concert Orchestra. 6-45 Merchant Navy Newsletter. 7 The Women's Programme. 7-45 BBC Scottish Orchestra. 8-45 Jazz Club. 9-15 World Affairs. 9-48 Listeners Choice. 10-30 The Debate Continues.
EASTERN SERVICE:
7-30 p.m. Book of Verse. 8 Inglistan Ke Dehat 8-10 Hafta-I-Rawan 8-20 Radio Se Angrezi. 8-30 Mahila Samaj. 8-45 Ham Se Puchiye.

The Pulse Of The City

SMOKELESS, SOUNDLESS The City Police have recovered a "smokeless, soundless" revolver from a Pathan at Sewri. This, according to them, provides another clue in the unravelling of the sensational hold-up of the Central Bank employees. Police also report having seized another big slice of the booty from the possession of the wife of one of the accused. Identity of the person concerned has not been disclosed by the police who feel that the information may be prejudicial to their investigations. A close watch is being kept for the two who have till now eluded Police grasp, but police feel that they will soon fall into their net.

KNOCKED DOWN: Velji Shah, a pedestrian was knocked down by a B.E.S.T. bus in the Parel Chawl Road, Wednesday. Shah was proceeding towards Lal Bagh. He was taken to the K.E.M. but he succumbed. He was trying to avoid a cow.

ASSAULTED: A man on his way to attend his cow-shed was assaulted by three persons who relieved him of his wrist watch and other valuables on his person. Before the injured man could raise an alarm, the assaulters decamped. Police removed the victim to the J. J. Hospital. In court, Thursday, they asked for the bail of Mewa Dessa, Visa Vama and Bachi Deokaran, arrested in this connection.

DISCOVERED: The Pydhonie Police discovered a miniature mint when they raided a building at Ibrahim Rahimutullah Road, Wednesday. One Nissar Ahmed Khudabux and Fatimabai Hussein were arrested.

ALSO DISCOVERED: A railway fitter who carried out a routine examination of the carriages of the Madras Mail prior to washing them was startled to find a revolver. The dazed employee reported the find to his superiors who informed the police. It was a six-chambered revolver with a .30 bore.

STILL THEY COME: A further batch of 195 refugess arrived in Bombay, Thursday, by S. S. Saraswati from Karachi. They disembarked at Princess Dock, and are destined for the the rehabilitation centres in Bombay North.

CAUGHT: A person, described as a notorious 'sattoria', by name Lakhmidas Popatlal was arrested along with two others for accepting satta bets. When his residence was raided by the police, slips for Rs. 900 and cash Rs. 105 were seized.

ALSO CAUGHT: Baburao Suresh, peon, and Khusal Almarkhan, watchman, of the C Ward Rationing office were arrested on a charge of stealing 1,004 blank ration cards reported missing duriog the holidays. It is suspected that they used a duplicate key. Suspicion was aroused when they failed to turn up after the loss was noticed.

CONTROL INFRINGED: Navinchandra Harilal Shah, partner in the Champion Engineering Company was arrested by the C.I.D. on a charge of selling a diesel engine at a price higher than the control rate. He was bailed out.

EXTERNEE ARRESTED: Hirabai Shantabai Laxman, stated to be a returned externee and employee as a cook in a nursing home at Mahim was arrested on a charge of stealing plates belonging to the nursing home.

COLDER NIGHTS: The weather clerk forecasts that Bombay which is in the grip of a cold spell will have colder nights.

PIANO RECITAL: At the C. J. Hall, Thursday evening, a magnificent piano recital by Miss Alfonso (20) in aid of the Diocesan charities Selections from Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Schubert. Poor attendance, which was a great pity, for the performance was outstanding.

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Conference In Colombo

Sharp Differences Likely To Emerge

LONDON, Jan. 5 (UPI): Sharp differences between Mr. Bevin and Mr. C. Spender, the new Conservative Minister for External Affairs of Australia, are likely to emerge at the Colombo Conference of the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers, according to diplomatic sources here.

Mr. Bevin is said to feel strongly that Australia is not bearing the full share of the burden in the Pacific. He thinks that Australia should help garrison Hong Kong and send a contingent to Malaya, thus relieving Mr. Bevin in his commitments.

The new Australian Government seems to be anxious to play a bigger part in the Pacific and South East Asia. But it is unlikely to accept the suggestion that it should share in such costly ventures, from which it derives no visible benefits.

Another cause which, it is stated, might cause a difference between Mr. Spender and Mr. Bevin is China. The Australian Government is reported to be very critical of Britain's decision to recognise Chinese Peoples' Government. If the British decision is not already publicly announced when the conference meets, the Australians, diplomatic circles in London seem to feel, can be expected to use their influence to reverse or at least postpone the recognition.

These differences, however, it is pointed out, do not reflect a fundamental political conflict but are only a sign of severe strains imposed on the unity among the Commonwealth countries by the success of Communists in China.

COLOMBO—BOUND PLANE DELAYED

Carries Conference Delegates

BOMBAY, Thursday (UPI)—The Colombo bound British Overseas Airways Corporation four-engined aircraft on schedule flight which was expected to pass through Bombay airport today has been delayed about twenty-four hours, owing to some mechanical trouble to the plane.

The aircraft which took off today from London, carrying a team of four South African delegates and three British delegates to the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Conference, will touch down at Santa Cruz airport tomorrow afternoon. An official of the Corporation told PTI here today that the aircraft would reach Colombo tomorrow evening.

The special BOAC 'Argonaut' four-engined plane—carrying Mr. Phillip Noel-Baker, British Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, will arrive in Bombay from London tomorrow. Accompanying him is a party of 29 officials of his Ministry who will spend an hour at Bombay before resuming their onward journey to Colombo.

The nine-man Canadian Delegation to the Colombo talks will be headed by Mr. Lester B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, Canada. A special plane carrying the party is expected to reach Colombo on January 7. Mr. Johnson, Canadian High Commissioner-designate in Pakistan is one of the delegates accompanying the Canadian External Affairs Secretary to the Conference.

ISSUE OF INDIANS IN CEYLON

MADRAS, Jan. 5 (PTI)—Mr. I. Bahadur Singh, Deputy Secretary, External Affairs Ministry, who is the Secretary to the Indian Delegation to the forthcoming Commonwealth Conference in Colombo left for Colombo by air this afternoon. He was accompanied by Mr. V. R. Bhat, Public Relations Officer to the Indian Delegation.

Mr. Singh told pressmen that India's Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru would have a heavy programme of public engagements in Colombo during his stay here. "As things stood at present", he said, "it will not be possible for the Prime Minister or the Indian Delegation to take up the question of Indians in Ceylon as was requested by the Madras Government and the Madras Legislature through a specific resolution".

Mr. Singh said that there was no proposal on the part of India at present to sponsor the participation of Burma in the Colombo Conference which was confined to only Commonwealth countries.

Security Police For Delegates

COLOMBO, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Large forces of police were being drafted into Colombo and will be kept at strategic points ready to deal with any emergency that may arise during the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Conference here next week.

Most heavily guarded delegates will be British Foreign Secretary Bevin, Indian Prime Minister Pandit Nehru and Pakistan Finance Minister Ghulam Mohamed, who is taking the place of the Pakistan Foreign Minister.

Official sources said: "Every precaution is being taken naturally, not only to protect delegates, but also to prevent leakages."

Authorities have also taken elaborate precautions to deal with any Communist demonstrations during the conference.

NEW MATHEMATICS VERY SOON

World On Verge Of Great Development, Says Bhabha

POONA, January 5 (PTI).

DR. H. J. BHABHA, Director of the Tata Fundamental Research Institute and well-known Indian theoretical physicist, said here that the next few years might see "the creation of a new mathematics" to explain the existence and nature of the elementary fundamental particles such as the electron, neutron and meson.

Giving a talk on the "Role of Mathematics in Physical Thought" at the Indian Science Congress, Dr. Bhabha said that "we are on the verge of great development which may require the abandonment of some of the conceptions in quantum mechanics."

Dr. Bhabha said many of the phenomena in nature could not be observed directly by human senses. Mathematics had become necessary for the explanation of such phenomena and the knowledge of mathematics in its turn had been extended by the discovery of new phenomena.

NEW DISCOVERIES

Some of the earlier concepts held in mathematics, however, had to be given up as new discoveries came to light. For instance the idea held in Euclidian geometry that you could shift a line parallel to itself, had to be given up when the investigation of geometry in interstellar space was made.

The Newtonian mechanics which was developed later helped the advancement of physics but even the Newtonian theory was found insufficient to explain many of the phenomena. The explanation of those phenomena led to the formulation of the Theory of Relativity and later the Quantum Mechanics.

Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis, President of the Science Congress who presided, said he believed that pure mathematics did not belong to the physical sciences though mathematics was the most powerful tool for sorting out observation and building up some kind of model for explanation of the phenomena in nature.

Bhabha Elected President Of Science Congress

POONA, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Dr. H. J. Bhabha, Director of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay, was today elected President for the next session of the Indian Science Congress. The session will be held at Calcutta from January 2 to 8, 1951.

HEALTH STANDARDS STUDY NEEDED

Dr. Mitra's Address At Science Congress

POONA, Jan. 5, (PTI): A critical study of health standards of people in India was urged as of "national importance" by Dr. Kalidas Mitra, Nutrition Adviser to the Government of India.

Dr. Kalidas said, in his presidential address to the physiology section of the Indian Science Congress this morning that in the present day struggle for survival detailed knowledge of the different phenomena associated with the optimum state of "health" or physical fitness had assumed the importance of national issue. "No state can maintain its independence, integrity, or its very existence, unless it can ensure the supply of efficient man power to its industries, agriculture and defence services". Consequently the importance of the study of the phisiology of health, and transcended the limits of purely academic interest or dream of social workers.

Dr. Kalidas said there was yet another utilitarian aspect of the problem which had become increasingly evident in most countries of the east, and also in some war ravaged territories of Europe. The privations the people in these countries had suffered because of shortage of food and other commodities and the concurrent rise in price all over the world had reduced the purchasing power of the people and brought in its trail an appreciable incidence of lowered state of health and under-nutrition. A big problem which faced the administrators of health organisations in such countries was of determining health standards by "suitable yardsticks". Such information was essential in the matter of determining the size of the rationed foodstuffs, distribution of milk and other supplementary foods, allocation of housing another measures for relief.

Ceylon Workers To Hold Peace Conference

COLOMBO, Jan. 4, (PTI-Reuter):—The Communist dominated All Ceylon Trade Union Federation and other allied organisations, have called an All Ceylon Peace Conference in Colombo during the meeting there of the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers. The date for the Trade Union Conference has been fixed as January 14 and 15.

Its main object will be to "condemn war preparations by the Atlantic powers and the use of atomic energy in warfare."

The Ceylon Government has banned the use of loudspeakers and the staging of any type of "demonstration."

Trade union leader Pieter Keuneman, a Member of Parliament, said the Peace Conference would be held "in as peaceful a manner as possible".

The organisers had protested to the Government against the restrictions imposed on meetings, he added.

SCIENCE SHOULD SERVE HUMANITY

French Physicist's View

POONA, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Prof. Frederick Joliot, the French physicist and president of the World Federation of Scientific Workers, said here that the motto of every scientific worker in the world should be "service of science and science in the service of humanity and peace".

Addressing a meeting of the Association of Scientific Workers of India, Prof. Joliot said: "Scientific workers must be in the forefront of the battle for peace for unless internal and external conditions are favourable and they are able to preserve things, the work of scientific workers cannot proceed.

"Even the threat of war has an effect on scientific work. The larger the defence expenditures, the lesser is the money available for scientific research and their work for human welfare".

Conveying the greetings of the trinity of world federation of scientific workers to the Indian Association, Prof. Joliot said he had no doubt that the association would play a great part in the development of India.

No doubt, he said, scientists must work for the welfare of the people, but at the same time it was equally true that they must be paid salaries and their material conditions must be such as to enable them to carry on their duties satisfactorily.

Prof. Joliot said that it was the duty of scientific workers to examine how money was spent by governments and institutions in the name of science. It was no use, he said, having magnificent laboratories without adequate scientific staff and material and the comforts of the scientific workers looked after carefully.

"The concern of the scientific worker for the welfare of science is one which does not wish to see science being exploited for private profit", Prof. Joliot said. But in taking this attitude, the scientific workers sometimes find themselves in opposition to government policies and programme. He had found in several countries scientific workers had been persecuted for their political opinions.

"It is the responsibility of the scientific workers, therefore, to create an informed public opinion and get such policies of government changed by democratic methods". Dr. Joliot declared.

SET UP BUREAU OF STANDARDS

U.S. Expert's Suggestion To India

POONA, January 5. (P. T. I.): Dr. E. U. Condon, Director of Bureau of Standards, United States of America, suggested here the setting up in India of an organisation to inspect and go into the quality of Government purchases of commodities supplied by manufacturers.

Explaining the function of the American Bureau of Standards to a gathering of scientists, Dr. Condon said that one of its important work was to see that the material supplied by manufacturers to Government confirmed to the standards specified.

Dr. Condon said there was "lot of economic waste" caused by lack of standardisation of commodities. But at the same time, it was not so easy to bring about uniform standards as it would require that in the initial stages the factories should produce goods on new standards specified and also to meet the requirement of goods produced under old standards.

Dr. Condon hoped that as a result of the setting up of national laboratories in India industrialists would start taking keener interest in scientific research. The present position in India, he said was analogous to the situation in America about 30 years ago.

RADIO TIMES OF INDIA

The Annual Issue of the Radio Times of India, dated January 1, 1950, is a pleasant surprise for excellence in printing and production. Its covers in four-colours and the neat layout of the pages — all printed on art paper.

Articles in it touch, among other radio subjects — (1) broadcasting in India, (ii) BBC in India and Pakistan, (iii) Hilversum, the Happy Station, (iv) Marconi's first experiments, (v) Television — in India?, (vi) Cricket Commentaries, (vii) Radio in the U.S.A., (viii) Enemies of radio, (ix) Radio manufacture, (x) fluorescent lighting.

The Radio Times of India is perhaps the only well-organised and well-produced radio journal in this country. It attempts to give interesting reading matter concerning radio and thus helps propagate radio-mindedness.

Inspite of the fine and expensive production, the journal is priced at annas eight only per copy or Rs. 10/- per year. It is published fortnightly on the 1st and 16th of every month — from 29 New Queen Road, Bombay 4.

Court Grants Probate

WILL PRODUCED AFTER 3 YEARS

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha and Mr. Justice Shah).

Sonubai Dattatraya —— Appellant.

Vs

Digambar Guru and others —— Respondents.

Their Lordships dismissed this appeal from the order passed by Mr. C. B. Nagarkar, District Judge of Poona on 31st October 1945 directing that probate be issued to the petitioner Digambar Guru Lingayya Jangam in respect of the Will of one Dattatraya Maharudra Aiya Jangam, the husband of the present appellant, who had died at Baramati on 15th April 1940.

The deceased was a wealthy man owning agricultural lands and a large business in the cultivation of sugarcane and the manufacture of jaggery. According to the Will in question the petitioner who is the son-in-law of the deceased was to manage the entire property after carrying out the deceased's wishes with regard to the several gifts and other dispositions stated in the Will. The deceased had been ailing for about six months prior to his death.

The Will, in which the petitioner claimed to have been appointed executor by implication, was made a day before his death but the petitioner alleged that though the physical condition of the deceased became weaker and weaker, his mental faculties were quite good till the last.

The petitioner's case was that he did not know of the existence of the Will for three years and that for this period it remained in the possession of Talakchand, a friend of the family, to whom the deceased had given instructions not to disclose the Will.

WILL CHALLENGED

The appellant-widow and her two daughters strenuously challenged the Will as a fabricated one.

The District Court having granted probate, the widow and the daughter filed two separate appeals to the High Court which had remanded the case back to the trial court for taking further evidence including that of Talakchand. Further evidence having been taken, the two appeals now came up for hearing before their Lordships and were heard together.

Their Lordships considered the entire evidence and held that the Will in question had been duly proved. Their Lordships, therefore, confirmed the order of the trial court and dismissed the appeals with costs.

Mr. S. M. Shah with Mr. Y. V. Chandrachud appeared for the appellant-daughters.

Mr. K. N. Dharap with Mr. V. S. Desai appeared for the appellant-widow.

Mr. P. P. Khambatta with Mr. P. K. Padhye appeared for the respondent (original petitioner) in both the appeals.

IMPROVE LOT OF JOURNALISTS

Poona Conference Plea

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, Jan. 5.

The following resolution was passed by the Standing Committee of the Marathi Journalists' Conference, at its last meeting.

"The Marathi Journalists' Conference, while appointing its own committee to study the economic conditions of the working journalists in the Marathi press, had urged the Government of Bombay, to look into this urgent and important problem.

The Standing Committee of the Conference has now learnt that the labour department of the Government of Bombay has collected some information about the economic conditions of the working journalists in the province. The Committee, however, is not aware of the final steps taken by the Government in this matter.

The Government of Bombay has not, unfortunately, made clear the position of the working journalists vis-a-vis its labour legislation and has, thus, unwittingly added to their difficulties.

The Standing Committee feels that the whole question has already begun to take a grave turn and if further postponed may exasperate the working journalists and may even cause unwelcome reactions on the entire profession.

The Standing Committee, therefore, strongly urges the Government of Bombay to appoint a Committee, consisting of the representatives of the working journalists, to go into this question as was done by the Governments of the United Provinces and the Central Provinces and Berar.

The Standing Committee assures the Government of its whole-hearted support and co-operation in this proposed inquiry."

The report of the Economic Inquiry Committee appointed by the Conference, is expected to be published by the end of this month.

DEVELOPMENT OF RAJASTHAN

Hiralal Shastri's Assurance

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Government of Rajasthan were trying their utmost so that Rajasthan, which was a backward area in various respects, would achieve the same level of industrial and agricultural development as any other part of the country within a short time, Pandit Hiralal Shastri, Premier of Rajasthan announced before the Board of the Western India Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

There were enough natural resources and land in the Union, the Premier said, the only shortage being that of water. The Rajasthan Government, he added, had already planned some irrigational projects by which in two or three years' time the shortage of water would be removed.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT OF MADRAS

Committee To Discuss

REPORT ON MINOR PORT ON THE WEST COAST

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5.

THE development of the port of Madras and the consideration of the final report of the West Coast Port Development Committee are the two principal topics which the Central Board of Transport and the Standing Committee of the Legislature attached to the Ministry of Transport will consider at their meetings at Madras on January 6 and 8.

The Committee, it will be recalled, favoured Malpe for development as a major port on the west coast between Bombay and Cochin. It also recommended a railway link between Malpe and the industrialised district of Mysore centred on Bhadravati, as also the extension of the Madras-Mangalore section to Malpe.

Side by side, the Committee recommended the improvement of the existing minor ports on the west coast. The Committee claimed that there will be considerable passenger traffic to and from the North Kanara ports, recommending at the same time certain facilities such as jetties, passenger sheds and sanitary arrangements particularly at Karwar. Attention was also drawn to the fact that the port traffic would benefit greatly if some of the rivers or tidal creeks were provided with road bridges. The Committee also urged the necessity of marking the new danger-spots discovered at the approaches to Bhatkal by buoys.

The following recommendations were also made:

MALPE: Dredging channel and provision of more powerful coastal lighting;

COONDAPUR: Construction of a wharf wall and provision of coastal lighting.

MANGALORE: Reconstruction of the south wharf and road facilities on the south reclamation;

TELLICHERRY: Road improvements;

CALICUT: Strengthening of both piers.

The Committee held that there are a number of minor ports of the west coast which could be converted into all weather ports if in each case the channel was dredged into calm waters deep enough to take small coastal steamers.

The need for a Central Harbour Board coordinating all port matters with the needs of industry, commerce customs, railways, communications and defence was also commended.

ALLOTMENT BOARD FOR SHIPPING

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5: An Allotment Board is envisaged as a result of the Shipping Conference which has been meeting here since yesterday. Such a board would allocate shipping freight to Indian companies in order to render them adequate assistance.

Policemen Injured

CHANDERNAGORE, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Two policemen were injured here last night when a bomb was thrown at them while they were engaged in apprehending some absconders.

Being chased by the police, the absconders, numbering about a dozen, had entered a jungle. Some more policemen soon arrived on the spot and surrounded the area when a bomb was thrown at them. No arrest has yet been made.

MORARKA APPEAL ARGUMENTS

Judgment Reserved

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar).

1. Gokulchand Dwarkadas Morarka.
2. Damji Jethabhai Shah —— Appellants (Accused).

Vs.

The Crown —— Respondent.

Continuing his arguments at the resumed hearing of the appeals filed by the accused against their conviction by Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, for having offered illegal gratification of Rs. 1 lakh to Inspector Miranda on 5th May 1948, Mr. K. M. Munshi for the appellants urged that the evidence of Mrs. Miranda should be disregarded in the absence of her statement to the police which had disappeared from the record. Mr. Munshi further contended that the finding in the premises of the Apollo Mills of the remaining pages of the issue of the "Bombay Samachar" of 23-4-48 which had been used for wrapping the bundles of currency notes offered as a bribe was not admissible in evidence because it was not clear as to the statement of which of the two accused had led to its discovery.

The Advocate-General was called upon to reply only on a few of the points urged by Mr. Munshi. With regard to the statement of Mrs. Miranda, the Advocate-General stated that the statement had actually been referred to by police officers while the trial was pending. It had not been suppressed by them but had somehow disappeared from the record. The Advocate-General, therefore, urged that the absence of the statement merely affected the value to be attached to her evidence but did not mean that her evidence should be wholly disregarded.

ADMISSIBLE

With regard to the finding of the newspaper, the Advocate-General contended that it was admissible not only under section 27 of the Evidence Act but also under section 8 of that Act as explaining the conduct of the police officer in going to the premises of the Apollo Mills.

Arguing the notice for enhancement of sentence, his Lordship urged that the case called for the maximum sentence of 18 months' R.I. as it was difficult to conceive of a more gross case in which rich people like the accused believed that every public officer had his price. On that the Chief Justice remarked that this was a gross case. On the conclusion of the arguments, their lordships reserved judgment in the case.

PROSECUTION CASE

Accused 1 is a Director of the Sholapur Mills and of the Apollo Mills and accused 2 is a merchant and businessman. The Anti-Corruption Branch of the C.I.D. were investigating the alleged unloading of high denomination notes to the two mills by their Managing Agents in which the persons principally involved were accused 1 and his uncle. On 24th April 1948, one Nusserwanji Manekji Kalyaniwalla was alleged to have approached Miranda with the offer of a bribe. Miranda decided to trap the accused 1 and on 30th April 1948 had an interview with him when it was arranged that Rs. 1 lakh was to be paid by accused 1 to Miranda as the first instalment of a bribe of Rs. 10 lakhs, on Miranda undertaking to keep loopholes in th investigation of the case in connection with the high denomination notes. The amount was actually paid to Miranda by accused 2 on behalf of accused 1 on 5th May 1948 in 10 bundles of Rs. 100/- notes wrapped in sheets from the "Samachar" of 23-4-48 at the residence of Miranda when the police party raided the place with panchas. Accused 1 subsequently had a telephone conversation on the subject with Miranda the same evening which was listened-in by panchas and in consequence of statements by the accused, the remaining pages of the "Samachar" of 23-4-48 were recovered by the police from the premises of the Apollo Mills.

OBTAINING ADEQUATE CARGOES

Shipping Interests Point Out Difficulties

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): The two-day conference between representatives of the principal Indian shipping companies and Mr. K. C. Neogy, Commerce Minister, and high officials of the Commerce Ministry ended today.

The conference is said to have been called in response to representations received in the past few months by the Government of India from Indian shipping companies in regard to certain difficulties experienced by them in the matter of their obtaining adequate cargoes.

Various suggestions are reported to have been put forward by the Indian shipping interests calculated to remedy the situation and the Minister, it is stated, assured the Indian shipping companies that Government would try to alleviate their difficulties to the best extent possible.

Plans for consideration and expansion of Indian shipping, it is understood, were also informally discussed by the conference.

The steps that Government might take for meeting the problems that face Indian shipping will, it is understood, be only formulated after the recommendations that have been made are carefully considered by Government.

ASSAM-BENGAL RAIL LINK

Engines From O. T. Railway Called For

PATNA, Jan. 5, (PTI): The Oudh and Tirhut Railway has been called upon to transfer a number of engines to the Assam Railway in connection with the opening of the Assam railway link. The Public Relations Officer O. T. Railway, in a communication to the press, says that a few passenger trains are being cancelled temporarily with effect from today in order to release the engines required by the Assam Railway.

Direct passenger train service through Indian territory to Darjeeling and Assam along the new rail link will start on January 26.

The journey from Calcutta to Siliguri over the new route will take 21 hours 20 minutes against 13 hours over the broad gauge through Pakistan territory as at present.

At Government House

BOMBAY, Thursday: Rani Maharaj Singh received Mr. Karl J. Khandalawala. The Governor of Bombay received Seth Mulraj Kersondas. The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh dined with Mr. R. S. Modi.

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CRICKETERS HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE

Plane Swerves Off Runway At Jamshedpur

JAMSHEDPUR, Jan. 5 (PTI).

THE Commonwealth cricketers and India's opening bat, S. Mushtaq Ali, had a narrow escape this morning when the chartered Air India twin-engined Dakota carrying them from Calcutta swerved off the runway at the Jamshedpur aerodrome.

One propeller and an engine were damaged.

All the players and crew are safe. Ray Smith and Jack Pettiford, who were taken ill during the Third "Test" in Calcutta, did not accompany the team.

All the passengers emerged out of the plane cheerful and even the crew did not wear any enxiety on their faces.

Other East Zone players are reaching here by train tomorrow. The Holkar leftarm bowler, Hiralal Gaikwad and Bengal's medium fast "Mantu" Banerjee will not be taking part in the match which opens on January 7, it was learnt from authoritative quarters. (Banerjee, who had been playing for the West Bengal Governors Eleven at the Eden Gardens last week, had lost his father during the match). Another Bengal player S. Khanna was also stated to be a doubtful starter. S. K. Girdhari (Bengal) and S. Das (Bihar) are likely to fill up the vacancies.

The Air India Office in Calcutta confirmed this evening that a wing of the Dakota was slightly damaged.

ALIGARH'S SURPRISE WITHDRAWAL

Needed Only 35 Runs To Beat Lucknow

ALIGARH, Jan. 5, (PTI): Needing only 35 runs for a victory after skittling Lucknow University for 83 runs in their second innings, Aligarh University withdrew their team from the tournament on the second day. No reason was given for this step. On the first day, Aligarh scored 123 runs in reply to Lucknow's first innings score of 74 going in a second time Lucknow University were all out for 83, Sidrantan being top-scorer with 28. Wadee for Aligarh was the most successful bowler taking five wickets for 21 runs in 20 overs.

BARODA TEAM FOR ZONE FINAL

BARODA, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Major Nimbalkar will captain the Baroda team in the West Zone final against Gujerat, to be played here at the Coronation Gymkhana ground from January 8 to 11.

The team will be chosen from the following players:

Major Nimbalkar (Captain), V. S. Hazare, Gul Mahomed, Amir Elahi, Yuvaraj Saheb, D. K. Gaekwad, S. G. Powar, S. K. Vichare, U. N. Gorpade, V. K Gaekwad, M. S. Chumble, Kadar Sheikh, S. Patkar, Y. Sheikh and Limaye.

Over 800 To Take Part In Indian Games At Poona

POONA, Jan. 5. (PTI):

Over 800 players, including 200 women and an equal number of students, representing 152 teams are taking part in the Tenth National Sports Regional Tourney organised by the Maharashtra Physical Education Conference. The sports include events like Hututu, Khokho, Atya Patya and other Indian games.

Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, who inaugurated the tourney this morning on the spacious grounds of Club of Maharashtra, said physical education had to play a great role in the new-born India. It would serve to imbibe younger people with a sense of discipline, duty and fair mindedness.

Mr. Patil expressed his appreciation for the good work done by the All-Maharashtra Association for physical education and recreation in the Marathi-speaking areas of the country and hoped that their work would grow from strength to strength.

G. S. MEDICAL CONCEDE A WALK OVER

Inter College Hockey League

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In the Inter College Hockey League this evening Sydenham College were given a walk over as G. S. Medical failed to put in appearance.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage:

2-40 p.m Podar vs. Grant Medical (Inter College).

3-45 p.m Boys Own vs. Times B' (Second Division).

4-45 p.m. Juvenile vs. Dreamland (Provincial).

St. Xavier's College Ground Parel

3 p.m. Young Rovers vs BB & CI 'C'.

4 p.m. Khatau vs Dockyard 'B'.

5 p.m. Black Spiders vs Mazagaon Dock 'A' (Parel League).

Parsi Cyclists Ground

3 p.m. St. Xavier's 'D' vs Burmah Shell.

4 p.m. Avery Club vs Anjuna Union.

BILLIARDS

Byculla Y.M.C.A.:

6-0 p.m. G. E. Dazely (—325) vs K K. Nasta (—250).

8-15 p.m. D. M. Umrigar (—275) vs **D. R. Havewalla (—325).**

PLANS COMPLETE FOR EMPIRE GAMES

AUCKLAND, Jan 4 (PTI-Reuter).

Little remains to be done in preparation for the British Empire Games here next month. The grounds are now ready, and the first party of competitors to arrive—the Canadians, who reach here next Tuesday—will be able to go straight into their camp at Ardmore, 23 miles south of the city.

Thereafter teams will be arriving at various dates up to the end of this month.

Mr Laurie Cleal, Organising Secretary, said the camp and training facilities were good and involved less travelling than at any comparable games in the past. Much work had been completed in bringing tracks and fields into perfect condition for the contest, he added.

MONAVEEN FIRST FAVOURITE

Eightysix Enter For Grand National

LONDON, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter)—Entries for the Grand National Steeplechase, to be run over four miles 856 yards at Liverpool on March 15, number eightysix. This is five less than last year.

Princess Elizabeth's Monaveen, favourite in the ante-post lists: Lord Mildmay's Crozwell last year's favourite which finished fourth and the first three in last year's race, Russian Hero, Roimond and Royal Mount, have all been nominated.

Public Sentiment Favours Japan's Participation

TOKYO, Jan. 5, (PTI-Reuter):

Japan's participation in the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki will be decided at a meeting of the International Olympic Committee at Copenhagen in May, Japanese olympic officials have been advised.

A letter from the chief of the International Secretariat stated that in his personal view general public sentiment favoured Japan's participation.

He said there was no need for Japan to make a special campaign as the matter was already fully represented to the International Committee.

OVERWHELMING WIN FOR CONCESSIO

Alec Sequeira Cup Handicap Billiards

BOMBAY, Thursday.

M. Concessio, in his match this evening in the Alec Sequeira Cup Handicap Billiards Tournament, accounted for one of Hindu Gymkhana's leading players Uttam Chawalla — by a very great margin. The winner playing brilliantly ran into a very early lead, and did not take long to wipe out his handicap of 350 points. Scoring consistently he left his opponent far behind, and when Concessio had reached the "scratch" stage, Chawalla was just 157 points. The latter had still 93 points to score to set off his handicap of 250 points.

Concessio did not take very long before bringing the game to a triumphant end, and registered a victory by the overwhelming margin of 250 points to barely 19 scored by Chawalla.

Although Chawalla lost so badly, he was surprisingly enough not outclassed and disgraced as the scores would otherwise suggest. Setting at defiance the unkindness of the normal share of luck that usually attends each player, Chawalla's game this evening was an object lesson in patience and perseverence. Playing with an extremely cool head, Chawalla waited for the balls to roll in his favour, but unfortunately for him throughout the entire period of play he hardly got one chance of putting up a decent break. Obviously it was an off day for Chawalla, otherwise this match would have had a much more interesting ending than the one witnessed.

The best efforts made by Concessio during his various visits to the table resulted in breaks of 32, 45, 25, 33, 22, 28 and an unfinished 35. On the other hand the only two breaks that Chawalla could boast of were of fourteen each.

The other match down for decision today, between P. G. Marathey and Refeek Dina had to be postponed due to the inability of the former player to turn up. The match has been now fixed for Sunday morning at 9-30.

DILIP BOSE BEATEN BY MITIC

Naresh Kumar Also Out Of National Tennis Championships

ALLAHABAD, January 5 (P.T.I.).

DILIP BOSE, India's number one and holder of the singles title and Naresh Kumar (India's 4) were eliminated from the National Tennis Championships this evening. Dilip Bose was beaten in the singles match by D. Mitic (Yugoslav One) in the quarter-final and has withdrawn from the doubles event. He also lost the mixed doubles earlier in partnership with Miss Pramila Khanna.

Naresh Kumar went down to P. Masip of Spain in the singles quarter-finals and lost to Ampon and Carmona of the Philippines in partnership with Sumant Misra this evening.

Dilip Bose, after his recent win in the Tennis Championship of Asia, lost of Mitic (Yugoslav One) chiefly due to his own faults and an indifferent game in the final set. Bose was clever with the net shots specially in the first set and hardly made any errors. But in the general run of the match the Yugoslav played a better game excelling in baselines shots and placings where lay the main weakeness of the Indian champion.

Dilip took the first game of the initial set but dropped the next two to Mitic to win the fourth again. Till the ninth game the terms were almost even but Bose snatched the tenth and eleventh games breaking through Mitic's service. Dilip who was now playing at his best forged ahead and had absolute mastery over the situation which helped him to annex the next two games and the set at 9.7 though after a grim struggle.

The second set which went to Mitic produced close rallies but occasionally and convincingly the Yugoslav predominated with perfect drop shots and placings. Bose started well and won the first game but lost the next two to the winner. The Indian appeared to have lost his grip over the set but managed to draw level at four/four and won the next game also. Mitic had by then struck an irresistible form and took the next three games in a row.

In the third and final set however, Dilip failed to get a single game. Mitic who played confidently on several occasions won the games without dropping a point. Mitic won at 7-9, 7-5, 6-0.

P. Masip of Spain was too good for Naresh Kumar India's number four, whom he easily beat in straight sets. The Spaniard was clever with his placings and though the young Indian rallied for a time, he was made to run from one end of the court to the other.

The following are the results of the matches played this evening in the National Lawn Tennis Championships:—

MEN'S SINGLES (Quarter-finals)

P. Masip (Spain) beat Naresh Kumar (India) 6-3, 6-2; D. Mitic (Yugoslavia) beat Dilip Bose (India) (holder) 7-9, 7-5, 6-0; Sumant Misra (India) beat V. Cernic (Czechoslovakia) 6-3, 6-2; F. Ampon (Philipines) beat R. Abdessalam (France) 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES (Semi-finals)

F. Ampon and C. Carmona (Philippines) beat Sumant Misra and Naresh Kumar (India) 6-3, 6-1, 6-2; P. Masip and Bartroli (Spain) beat P. Washer and J. Paten (Belgium) 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES (Quarter-finals)

Mrs. Patricia Todd (U.S.A.) and D Mitic (Yugoslavia) beat Miss J. Quertper (Britain) and C. Spychala (Poland) 6-2, 7-5; Miss G. Hoahing (Britain) and V. Cernic (Czechoslovakia) beat Miss K. Twckey and G. Oakley (Britain) 0-6, 6-3, 6-2; Miss Gussle Moran (U.S.A.) and P. Washer (Belgium) beat Mrs. Weiss (Argentine) and P. Masip (Spain) 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; Mrs. Adamson and P. Remy (France) Vs. Mrs. Tiltoc and G. L. Paish (Britain) 6-4, 3-6. (unfinished).

LADIES SINGLES (Quarter-finals)

Mrs. Patricia Todd (U.S.A.) beat Miss J. Quertier (Britain) 6-4, 6-3; Miss Tuckey (Britain) beat Mrs. Weiss (Argentine) 6-3, 7-5; Mrs. Adamson (France) beat Miss Hoahing (Britain) 6-4, 6-4; Miss Moran (U.S.A.) beat Mrs. Milton (Britain) 6-1, 6-1.

JUNIORS DOUBLES (Semi-finals)

Shail Kumar and Bines (Bihar) beat Kamal (Delhi) and Parmeshwari (U.P.) 8-6, 6-1; Lakshmanan and S. Bose (Bengal) beat Kuldip Puri and P. Hoon (East Punjab) 6-4, 13-11.

Chenier Leads Mans In Professional Snooker

LONDON, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.-Reuter): George Chenier, Canada, won five of today's six afternoon frames to lead Peter Mans, South Africa, by 27 frames to 15 at the interval in their World Professional Snooker Championship match at Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.

The scores were: Chenier first 78 to 18, 74 to 39, 45 to 43, 97 to 15, 67 to 19, 45 to 80.

MAXIM STANDS GOOD CHANCE

Bout Against Mills For World Championships

SOUTHAMPTON, Jan. 4 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Joey Maxim, the 26-year-old American light heavyweight, arrived here in the "Queen Elizabeth" last night full of confidence that he can take the world championships from Freddie Mills at Earl's Court London on January 24.

Maxim is of Italian American parents and a native of Cleveland (Ohio). He is an intelligent walker with a bright breezy manner, but is modest when it comes to talking about his prowess in the ring.

"I guess I stand a very good chance of beating Mills", he said. "Anyway, I wouldn't have made this trip if I did not think so. I am a boxer rather than a fighter and while I know Mills is one of the strongest men in the ring, I hope to beat him by boxing skill".

His manager, Jack "Doc" Kearns, said: "don't let Joey kid you that he can't punch He is a clever mover and when you see him in the ring those who remember will think of Jim Driscoll and bombardier Billy Wells at their best".

"OMISSION OF C.S. NAYUDU A HIMALAYAN BLUNDER"

Give Another Wicket Keeper An Opportunity, Says "Vizzy"

KANPUR, Jan. 5, (PTI).

MAHARAJKUMAR Dr. Vijaya of Vizianagram stated today that the omission of C. S, Nayudu from the Indian team for the Kanpur "Test" against the Commonwealth team was a "Himalayan blunder."

Dr. Vijaya said that C. S. Nayudu actually won the match for India with his clever bowling on the last day in Calcutta. He had taken five wickets and he was the finest fielder of the Indian side, he added.

He also commented on what he called "the persistent way in which Sen of Calcutta was being omitted from the team. He said that to build a future team for India it was necessary to give another wicket-keeper sufficient opportunity. Joshi had not also been given an opportunity inspite of the fact that he was a better wicket-keeper, he added.

Dr. Vijaya who is here to finalise arrangements for the Fourth "Test" Match which commences on January 14 said that the Green Park where the match will be played was looking at its best. He was pleased with the wicket and found the outfield perfect. He looked forward to a "battle royal" in Kanpur during the Fourth "Test", remembering that each side had now won one match and the third was drawn.

SOUTHERN COMMAND BOY'S TEAM BOXING

Results Of Seventh And Eighths Fights

BANGALORE, Jan. 4.

The following are the results of the seventh and eight fight of the Southern Command Boy's Team Boxing Tournament held here today:

The R.M.I.A.S. Cenior (South) "A" beat the Mahratta Light Infantry Regimental Centre.

The Signal Training Centre beat the Mahar Regimental Centre.

The following are the results of the seventh fight:—

Dyana Mali (Mahratta Light Inf.) beat Chandran (R.I.A.S.C); Shankara Rao (R.I.A.S.C.) beat Krishna Swant (Mahratta Inf.); Sakkaran Powar (Mah. Inf) beat Samuel (R.I.A.S.C.) the latter being disqualified; Appalah (R.I.A.S.C.) beat Jaising Patil (Mah. Light Inf.); Krishna Chavan (Mh. Lig. Inf.) beat Yesu Dass R.I.A.S.C.); Sinvanandan (R.I.A.S.C.) beat Canpat Chavan (Mah. Lig. Inf.); Chunilal (R.I.A.S.C.) beat Khandu Tambekar (Mah. Lig. Inf.); Ganeshwar Gore (Mah. Lig. Inf.) beat Chidarbaram (R.I.A.S.C.); A. Peter (R.I.A.S.C.) beat Appa Desai (Mah. Lig. Inf.)

The following are results of the eight fight:

Awatar Singh (Sig. Tr. Centre) beat Krishna Awalke (Mahar); Kanu Dass (Sig.) beat Poppat Kharat (Mahar); Bharirath (Signal) beat Baburao Badge (Mahar); Irath Singh (Signals) beat Balchandra Aidale (Mahar); Gianchand (Signals) beat Gulab Sheshware (Mahar); Malappa Kamble (Mahar) gained a T. K. O. decision when his opponent D. Krishnalal (Signal) was disqualified for hitting below the belt; Tara Singh (Signals) won his fight by T. K. O. awarded in the first round, the referee stopping his encounter with Bhaskar Jadav Jagtarsingh (Signals) T. K. O. 'ed his opponent Yemanappa Kanle (Mahar Regimental Centre) in the second round, when the referee stopped the fight; Unkar Singh (Signals) beat Shrimant Kelgade (Mahar).

Leading Players To Play In S. W. Indian Tennis

TRIVANDRUM, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): The following international stars and ranked Indian players are expected to take part in the fourth South-west India Tennis Championship to be played from January 23 to 29 at the Trivandrum tennis club.

Dilip Bose, Sumant Misra, Washer, Paten, Remi, Abdesselam, B. R. Kapanipathy, B. S. Seshadri, M. R. Todd and Miss G. Moran.

Olympic Sports In Trivandrum

TRIVANDRUM, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Nearly two hundred athletes from various parts of the United State of Travancore and Cochin will participate in the Olympic Sports commencing here tomorrow.

Mr. T. S. Krishna Murthi, Mayor of Trivandrum, will open the sports. Lt.-Col. Goda Varma Raja will take the salute in the march past of athletes. He will also preside over the closing ceremony on January 7.

Foreign Stars Likely To Play At Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Ten Foreign tennis players who are now on a visit to India, are expected to participate in the Hyderabad Hardcourt Tennis Championships, scheduled to commence here from January 9. They are:

V. Cernik, Spychalla, D. Metic J. Pallada, Barnovic, H. Weiss, A. Seiss, Finklefort, Mrs. Kornfield and Mrs. H. Weiss.

Ghaus Mohamed former Indian tennis champion, is also expected to take part in the championships here.

COLLEGIANS SUCCUMB TO G. B. POLICE

Mazagaon Docks Win In Provincial Hockey

BOMBAY, Thursday.

ST. XAVIER'S College 'B' were beaten by three goals to one by Greater Bombay Police "A" in the preliminary round of the Provincial Hockey Championship at the Cooperage this evening.

St. Xaviers fielded only 9 men, but opened their account in the fifth minute of play through Ralph Mathias their right inner who converted a fine pass from the left extreme R. Fernandes.

The Collegians were now confined to their own territory and Jameson restored equality ten minutes later from a goalmouth melee.

The Police were now having complete mastery over their opponents and it was only due to the fine and repeated saves of Olegario Frank the College custodian that the Police were unable to forge ahead. A rather easy shot, however, got Frank and Tambe was the lucky man to score the goal.

At half time the Police crossed over with a single goal advantage and if was only in the last two minutes from the end that Nagarwalla put his side further in the lead from a penalty corner.

MAZAGAON DOCKS TRIUMPH

In the second game this evening in the preliminary round of the Provincial Championship Mazagaon Docks beat St. Xavier's Association by two clear goals It was only in the second period of play that Mazagaon Docks swept through to score two snap goals

Mazagaon Docks and St. Xavier's Association were rather concerned in a hard fought game and after a blank first half the Dockmen scored five minutes after resumption of play due to a fine pass from Phillips the centre forward to J. D'Souza the right inner who beat the Association custodian with an easy shot.

Mazagaon Docks were able to gain a second goal when D'Lima caught the Association goalie Christopher napping three minutes before the end to put his side in a consolidating position. The Dockmen thus won by two clear goals.

THIRD DIVISION HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following are the results of the matches played in the Third Division of the BPHA League at the Parsi Cyclists Ground this evening:

RIN Pay Office 2 (Johnny 1, Noronha 1,) Kurla Spartans 1 (Mosses 1).

BIG Insurance 1 (G. D'Penha 1) Cathedral Old Boys 0.

PAREL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following are the results of the matches played in the Parel Hockey League at St. Xavier's College ground, Parel:

Panchgani Parsis Old Boys 'A' 1 (Modi), BEST. 0.

General Motors 1 (Jadhav), Liver 'A' 0.

GIP 'D' 2 (Cardoza 1, Agnir 1), GIP Carr. & Loco 0.

ANOTHER DOUBLE CENTURY BY MANJREKAR

Bombay's Record-breaking Total In Schools Cricket

POONA, Jan. 4 (P.T.I.).

A RECORD breaking total was registered by Bombay in the final of inter-schools cricket tournament today when they scored 622 for 8 wickets in their second innings against Maharashtra. With a lead of 130 runs on the first innings and the match being played to a finish, Bombay can now be safely said to have annexed the Cooch-Behar trophy.

For this position, Bombay has mainly to thank their captain Manjrekar, who scored 231, inclusive of 23 fours and thus registered his second double century in the tournament.

Manjrekar (81) and Edekar (97) continued the Bombay innings this morning, but without any addition to his score or the total, Edekar returned to the pavilion. That brought in Toffique Hussain and the two carried the total from 192 to 448 Toffique Hussain was eventually out after scoring 137 inclusive of eight fours Jagdish Kumar Seth, another Bombay batsman scored 97. With the result of the final of the Cooch-Behar Trophy Tournament a foregone conclusion there was very little interest evinced in the match, which entered its fourth day today, but Maharashtra put up a gallant fight against very heavy odds, had scored 218 runs for the loss of seven wickets at the end of the day.

Bombay declared at the overnight score of 662 for eight wickets. But their expectations of dismissing Maharashtra today were not realised The main feature of Maharashtra batting was the flawless century of V. S. Oak, who remained unbeaten at the end of the day with 108 to his cred't. Oak who opened the innings has so far hit seven hours.

Scores were:—

Bombay 272 and 622 for eight declared

Maharashtra 147 and 218 for seven Oak batting 106, Jandekar batting 26*.

Track Trails

V-DAY AND SERENADE MOVE ATTRACTIVELY

By Our Track Reporter.

The following are the pick track-trials noted at Mahaluxmi:—

OUTER TAN

BATTLE OUT (Bhoor) and QUEEN'S CUP (R.B.) covered a mile in 1 min. 52½ secs.

GAY COUNT (Damodar) had the measure of GUN DRILL (R.B.) when working over three furlongs. Timing 38 secs.

HOODED TERROR (Bhoor) returned 53 secs. when moving over four furlongs.

PHONE AGAIN (Medhe) did a speedy three furlongs display in 38 secs.

STAR OF MAHAD (Dar) was in hand when covering four furlongs in 55 secs.

BLUE LOTUS (Cunningham) showed out from LA CONTESSE (Argade) when engaged over a mile. He returned 1 min. 53 secs.

ARMY AND NAVY (Medhe) moved at 3/4 pace when negotiating a mile in 1 min. 58 secs.

PAR EXCELLENCE (A. Ahmed) disposed of GANG BHUP (Shaikh) when covering nine furlongs in 2 mins. 4 secs.

PERSEUS (N. Singh) held PROMETHEUS (Dar) and DAGANIA (R.B.) when worked over five furlongs from 9 to 4. He clocked 1 min. 7 secs.

PHILSUPA (J. Bhosle) shaped better than HYPERION (Shaikh) and YUVARAJ (R.B.) when covering four furlongs in 53¼ secs.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE (Duffy) and STEVE (Shivanna) covered five furlongs in 1 min. 10 secs. Both were in hand.

AL HAMIL (Purtu) was in front of HANG OVER (Rajoo) when doing a brisk three furlongs in 38 secs.

EMBARKATION (V. Jadhav) impressed when sent out with KING'S CUP (Khade) over six furlongs. Timing 1 min. 20½ secs.

SERENADE (Sumer) moved on the bit when making a mile in 1 min. 53 secs Likely winner.

ADELINE (Guman) held SOHNI (Damodar) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 21 secs.

BELLE AMIE (Khade) beat LOYAL PRINCE (Rickaby) when covering three furlongs in 36½ secs.

MASQUERADE (Sumer) was not extended when covering three furlongs in 40 secs. She is in fine fettle.

BALAM (Kheem) was worked over nine furlongs. The famous Illuminate colt made the last four furlongs in 52½ secs.

RACE GRASS

DESERT KNIGHT (Rickaby) and SHAHI BAG (Whiteside) were worked over a mile. Both very well in hand they clocked 1 min. 54 secs.

V. DAY (Medhe) hacked CHERRY BLOSSOM (Mulla) when galloping over a mile in 1 min. 48 secs. The former should run well.

BILLY BOY (R.B.) covered nine furlongs in 2 minutes 8 seconds.

HONEY BUNCH (Dhanvade) made a six furlongs trip in 1 minute 19 seconds. Should harass the best of the lot.

RED CARNATION (Whiteside) did six furlongs in 1 minute 21 seconds.

NATURE BOY (Khade) spared a length from GIPSY BILL (Guman) and BIRBAL (Sumer) was a close third when sent over a mile. Timing 1 minute 49 1/2 seconds.

JUST WAIT (Khade) and FLYING MISS (Guman) moved at 3/4 pace and clocked 1 minute 28 seconds for six furlongs.

TODAY'S SPURTS ON OUTER TAN.

ROYAL GUARD (Shiba) was a length infront of VAGABOND QUEEN (Surve) when covering three furlongs in 36 1/5 seconds.

AL HAMRA (Khade) pleased when sent out over three furlongs with MY PLEASURE (Dashrat). She returned 36 seconds.

MAH KHURSHID (Cunningham) did an impressive three furlongs spurt in 37 1/2 seconds She moved at a fair pace.

GAY COUNT (Chavan) and SHAHISTAH (Damodar) covered three furlongs in 37 seconds.

VIVECA (R. Bhosle) MAKARPURA (Ganesh) and KAMMU (R.B.) lay in the order mentioned at the end of a burst over three furlongs Timing 35 seconds.

KANTAKA (Shiba) was speedier than HAPPY KING (Mulla) and clocked three furlongs in 37 seconds.

BARA MULLA (Antoo) covered three furlongs in 37 seconds.

GANG BHUP (Shaikh) attractively covered three furlongs in 36 1/2 seconds.

JAWAHIR (Antoo) SULEMAN BAIG (G. Chavan) and a bay (Kheem) covered three furlongs in 36 1/2 seconds.

SHAH OF IRAN (R.B.) covered three furlongs in 37 seconds.

GREEK STAR (Duffy) and FIRDAUSSI (Uttam) negotiated three furlongs in 38 1/2 seconds.

MACDONALD (Kheem) and GREAT LADY (Tasi) covered three furlongs in 37 1/2 seconds. Both were not unduly extended.

PRINCESSA (Antoo) disposed of SHAH FREDOON (Sumer) when covering three furlongs in 36 1/5 seconds The first named should be watched.

GOLD SPA (Khade) was in hand when clocking three furlongs in 38 seconds.

EIGHT ACCEPT FOR BRABOURNE CUP

The following are the acceptances for the Eleventh Day of the Bombay Winter Races to be held on Saturday, January 7:—

THE JUHU PLATE. Division III.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Gun Drill 8-12, Happy King 8-12, Liberator 8-12, Dagania 8-12, Triumph 8-12, Yuvaraj 8-12, Sajan 8-12, Guest of Honour 8-12, Glamour Boy 8-12, Don't Boast 8-12, Homestretch 8-12.

THE JUHU PLATE. Division II.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Othello 8-12, Gold Spa 8-12, Hangover 8-12, Firdausi 8-12, Prometheus 8-12, Kiyababa 8-12, Philsoof 8-12, Ali Janab 8-12, Suleman Baig 8-12, Jasdan Star 8-12, Steno 8-12, Silver Pylon 8-12.

THE COOPERAGE PLATE. Division I.—Distance 1 mile 1 furlong.

Aarzu 9-2, Shah Fredoon 9-1, Battle Out 8-11, Torrent 8-11, Whirlpool 8-6, Desert Knight 8-8, Nature Boy 8-6, Banshee 8-5, Lalaji 8-4, Gipsy Bill 8-3, Army and Navy 7-11, Loyal Prince 7-11, Blue Arrow 7-7.

THE JUHU PLATE. Division I.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Ballynahinch 8-12, Al Hamil 8-12, Whirlaway 8-12, Golden Orb 8-12, Red Cross Boy 8-12, Pardesi 8-12, The Roarer 8-12, The Duke 8-12, Sunny Island 8-12.

THE NAWANAGAR PLATE. Division II.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mirella 9-1, Plucky Princess 9-0, Belle Amie 9-0, Ajinkya Tara II 8-13, King's Cup 8-12, Hercules 8-11, Perseus 8-10, Gay Count 8-10, Al Hamra 8-10, Salamat 8-10, Steve 8-6, Shahistah 8-5 Princess Victory 8-2, Mayfair Lady 7-8.

THE PAREL PLATE. Division I.—Distance 7 furlongs.

Viveca 9-2, Rustom 9-0, Sohni 8-13, Rashtrapati 8-11, Phone Again 8-11, Flying Princess 8-9, Macdonald 8-9, Masquerade 8-9, Tisco 8-9, Gang Bhup 8-8, Lochinvar 8-5, Azad Hind 8-2, Lady Cleopatra 7-12.

THE BRABOURNE CUP.—Distance 1 1/2 miles.

Serenade 9-2, Jawahir 9-2, Brave Prince 9-0, Pramila 8-9, Masked Player 8-5, Ramal 8-0, Courage 7-11, Star of Mahad 7-5.

THE PAREL PLATE. Division II.—Distance 7 Furlongs.

Makarpura 9-2, Irish Right 9-2, Mah-I-Nau 8-12, Whirlwind 8-12, Duke of Ramgarh 8-12, Pilmindia 8-8, Hooded Terror 8-10 Embarkation 8-10, Shah Nawaz 8-5 Princessa 8-5, Triple Alliance 8-4, Down South 8-2, Show On 8-1, Bavaji 8-1, Purat 8-1, Flying Miss 8-0, Merry Windsor 7-12, Just Wait 7-9

THE COOPERAGE PLATE Division II Distance 1 Mile 1 Furlong.

Luminary 9-4, Time Bomb 8-13, Indian Port 8-12, Shah of Iran 8-8, Pelton 8-7, Kantaka 8-7, Topflight 8-7, Queen's Cup 8-7, Billy Boy 8-7, My Pleasure 8-0, Odds Again 7-12, Birbal 7-12, V. Day 7-12, Amarnath 7-4, La Contesse 7-4

THE NAWANAGAR PLATE. Division I.—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Pessimist 9-2, Kammu 8-10, Cherry Blossom 8-10, True Love 8-9, Portci 8-9, Mah Khurshid 8-6, Royal Guard 8-5, Bara Mulla 8-3, Honey Bunch 8-2, Shiraz 7-12, Padshah Begum 7-11.

The Bombay Chronicle

NATIONAL EMERGENCY

In his Chaupatty speech, the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, roundly condemned the critics of the Government. He said that there was a section of the people which had never contributed anything towards the freedom of the country, which was always indifferent towards the larger interests of the country and which had now become critical of all the actions of the Government. This argument is unfair and most unfortunate. The Congress Government, and particularly Sardar Patel himself, have said several times that they had to work with government servants because the alternative was to resort to Congressmen who could not do the secretariat work for lack of experience. Whilst some of these officials are as estimable as Sardar Patel believes, there are quite a number who have not had a very commendable record in the years of struggle. On the other hand, there are many Congressmen who had been to jail, who had suffered, and who have not been "rewarded" by the Government; in fact, many ministers and other Congressmen spend their time telling Congress workers not to seek official positions, but to devote themselves to service. It cannot be that members of the Government can take past records into account when they like and ignore them when they choose to. Moreover, it always conveys the impression that the person who resorts to this argument is lacking in confidence. No one would say this of Sardar Patel but it is more than likely that his remarks will be taken up enthusiastically by very much smaller fry in the Congress. We do not see why the question, Who has said it?, should be allowed to affect one's judgment on what is said. And in the context of present-day criticism, it is worth mentioning that, wherever it springs from, it does get a hearing and it does have an influence. Certainly, it is a point to be considered why the public, which three years ago would not have allowed the least breath of comment against the Congress, should be so changed that strong criticism of the Congress Government has become "fashionable". Is it too much to ask of our national leaders to admit that this is not entirely, or even primarily, the fault of the people? And is it fair of the Deputy Prime Minister to observe that if the Government had not delivered the goods, the people "alone" were to blame for it for they themselves encouraged black-marketing, corruption and nepotism? For this is what the press report says he did assert, and, if it is correct, it is a very unjust condemnation. The people might be said to have encouraged these vices in the way in which victims might be said to encourage their persecutors.

In his remarks on India's defence expenditure, Sardar Patel was perfectly justified. So long as the results of partition continue to disturb relations between India and Pakistan, it would be absurd to reduce the defence expenditure. At the same time, the Deputy Prime Minister rebuked those who were indulging in a fictitious agitation for reuniting the two Dominions. It is not easy to agree with his view that United India would be worse than the present state of affairs but this kind of agitation does furnish the other Dominion with an excuse for continued trouble-making and that too without any compensating advantage on this side. So far as public opinion is concerned, the division is real and there is no great passion for conquest. The Indian mood is peaceful; that has been repeatedly demonstrated by the Government which has the full backing of the Indian people. But, as the Sardar remarked: that did not mean that the defence of the country could be neglected. Here the Deputy Prime Minister, speaking with considerable restraint, managed to convey to the public the sense of national emergency. In fact, stripped of all its admonitions, this is the keynote of the Sardar's address which was directed towards rallying all sections of the people to a common co-operative effort.

Planned Economy

Speaking to engineers at Poona, Dr. S. Trone, the American planner, conveyed to them a few of his impressions about industrialisation in this country. India, he rightly remarked, was the only great nation where in spite of the amazingly large internal market, there was a high percentage of non-productive population. The disparity between the large scope of India's internal market and her productive capacity was chiefly responsible for her economic impoverishment. The equation of the two conditions—consumption and production—which was essential to ensure self-sufficiency to begin with, in vital requirements, was the objective of the Government, and every attempt was made to achieve it. What was, however, needed was well planned industrialisation with a logical range of priorities. To raise the productive capacity of the country, Dr. Trone stressed the need to shorten the "great mental distance" between engineers and workmen and to achieve inner unity among the people. Skill and labour must be co-ordinated and harnessed, in a spirit of co-operation, to the purpose of industrial progress. The intellectuals in the industrial organisation should realise that it was their responsibility to foster the spirit of co-operation in workmen—the limbs of industry. For the reduction of the percentage of non-productive population, Dr. Trone has suggested the organisation of co-operative farming and small-scale industries in villages and the location of heavy industries in larger towns. This is a good proposition, and the Government should give thought to it. Dispersal of industries on such a basis will create opportunities for work in villages and will, in the long run, lower the percentage of non-productive population; but the villages to be selected as sites of smaller industries will have to be organised to accommodate them, and moreover care will have to be taken to see that mechanised industry did not encroach upon the field of agriculture.

Harijans

Mr. Jagjivanram gave an admirable analysis of the miracle wrought by Gandhiji in ameliorating the condition of Harijans in India. While other reformers like Swami Vivekananda and Raja Ram Mohun Roy had sought to solve the problem on a religious basis, the Mahatma made it a political issue, said Mr. Jagjivanram. What is more Gandhiji went to the extent of saying that freedom will not be worthwhile if the Harijans did not come to their own. It must be remembered that when Gandhiji was propounding these views, there were dissenting voices in the Congress itself who felt that the Harijan problem was the concern of the Hindus alone and that it should not impede the activities of a secular organisation whose concern was not religious reform, but the winning of political rights. There is a passage in Pandit Jawaharlal's Autobiography where he criticises Mr. C. Rajagopalachari for entangling himself with a Temple Entry Bill in the then Central Legislature when more important issues were at stake in the country. All this is changed now, and history has vindicated Gandhiji's position, and the New Constitution has not shirked the issue as one belonging to the religious sphere. There is, however, one point in Mr. Jagjivanram's address, with which there will be some disagreement. He has advised Harijans "to cast their lot with the poor." A majority of the Harijans are the most poverty-stricken in India, and to ask them to cast their lot with the poor is to add insult to injury.

Thought For The Day

If a man has a right to be proud of anything, it is of a good action done as it ought to be, without any base interest lurking at the bottom of it.

—STERNE.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

"They (the business men) insisted that controls should be removed. They were removed and yet immediately after that, there was acute shortage and controls had to be reimposed. During the period, many became rich overnight at the cost of the consumer. For a few years, you must give up this looting of the people, for in this way you would destroy yourself and the country"—SARDAR PATEL.

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The Ministry of Commerce has announced that the press note regarding the decontrol of export prices of cotton textiles issued on January 3, was issued by inadvertence."

"Inadvertence" is a word that covers many sins.

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The East Bengal Minister, Mr. Nurul Amin, stated that any aggressor would find in East Bengal his "veritable Stalingrad."

Is it an invitation to the Communists who are near about?

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"We scientists did not know whether we were playing the role of God or of the devil" (when making the first atom bomb,) said Prof. Compton.

Do they know now?

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"Any precipitate action (on the Karnatak Province issue) would dig the grave of the Congress in Karnatak without in any way advancing the cause of unification", says Mr. R. R. Diwakar.

You too, Brutus!

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"We are working toward the time when the United Nations will control weapons of mass destruction and will have the forces to preserve international law and order", says President Truman.

This is looking far ahead, very far ahead indeed.

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Mr. Jagjivanram has asked Harijans "to cast their lot with the poor".

It is like asking fish to practice swimming.

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Uday Shankar has made a big hit in America.

We wonder what Pakistan is going to do about it.

Radio Phone Link With Nepal

NEHRU SPEAKS TO INDIAN ENVOY

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5, (PTI).

A DIRECT radio telephone-cum-telegraph link was established today between Delhi and Khatmandu, the capital of Nepal.

Inaugurating it, Pandit Nehru spoke over the telephone with Indian Embassy in Nepal at 4-45 p. m. today.

Completed in a record time of ten days, the line is expected to facilitate direct Government communication between Delhi and Indian Embassy at Khatmandu.

When the Prime Minister spoke from his room on the telephone to the Indian Ambassador, Mr. Chandreshwar Prasad Singh, the Nepalese Ambassador in India, Mr. Khurshed Lal, Deputy Minister (Communication) and Foreign Secretary Mr. K. P. S. Menon were present. After a few minutes, the Prime Minister handed over the telephone to the Nepalese Ambassador who exchanged greetings with the Indian Ambassador in Nepal. The reception was said to be perfectly clear.

Formerly telegrams from Delhi used to go to Raxaul and from there they were carried by messengers to Birganj (Nepal) about a mile across. From Birganj the messages used to be telephoned to Khatmandu.

BANKING FACILITIES IN RURAL INDIA

By Chunilal M. Gandhi

AFTER it has been declared to be the settled policy of the Government of India that a Co-operative Commonwealth is the goal to be aimed at in order to achieve economic independence it seems rather strange that the Centre should have set up a large committee of fifteen to inquire into the relative merits of Co-operative Commercial or other Banking Agencies to determine which should be accepted as the most suitable agency to afford banking facilities in rural areas.

Of the commercial banks, for years only the Imperial Bank of India, having been entrusted with the function of managing the Government treasuries in district head quarters, set up its branches in all head quarter towns of the district. Later on in pursuance of an agreement it entered into with the Government of India it continued to progressively set up more branches at different centres. No other commercial banks had their branches in any moffusil towns.

COOPERATIVE BANKS

Later on, about more than thirty-five years ago District Central Co-operative Banks were established in several district towns with a view to tap the financial resources of Urban areas in order to find necessary funds to finance the rapidly growing number of co-operative credit societies—village banks of the countryside. The Co-operative Banks thus began to furnish banking facilities to rural areas more than a generation ago. They soon found it necessary to establish their branches in the taluka towns in order that they may come in closer contact with the rural people and may thus be able to form banking habits in them. As time went on they also found it necessary to open their branches in other important trade centres in the talukas in order that the rural village banks may have banking facilities yet nearer on hand. These taluka branches have succeeded remarkably well in inculcating banking habit among the village people. Though they have not much to save, they have learnt to deposit whatever little savings, they can make during odd period in the year in the Bank, when such moneys are not wanted. They are withdrawn when needed again.

The taluka branches of the District Co-Operative Banks have further afforded the village people the facilities of cashing their drafts, cheques, postal money orders etc. received from the members of their families residing and working overseas and of remitting money to them when needed.

AN ILLUSTRATION

I think it but fair to take Surat District Co-operative Bank Ltd., as a good illustration of the success of similar Co-operative Banks in the province. The Surat District Co-operative Bank Ltd., has nine branches in the eight original talukas of the district and has as on 30-6-1949 advanced Rs. 14,20,585/- both by way of loans and overdrafts. The deposits of rural areas were as on 30-6-1949 about Rs. 1,01,20,247/- out of a total working capital of one hundred and ninety lakhs of the bank.

That proves that Co-operative Central Banks have done very satisfactory pioneer work in furnishing financial facilities to the rural areas have formed banking habits into their people, have come in close contact with regard to their financial dealings. They have come to know each other, and they can legitimately claim to be their friends in need. It will not therefore be proper to divert that work from them to any other agency.

SERVICE NOT PROFIT

Commercial banks have, till but recently confined their operations to the Presidency towns only, and have only financed big business in them. It is true that tempted by the success of the taluka branches of the District Central Co-operative Banks in attracting deposits from the people in the rural areas, some of them have opened their branches in the district and taluka towns of the district and though they do declare their intention to do money lending also, they have so far done little or nothing in that direction; and the branches of commercial banks even in Head Quarter cities have uptil now been more or less collecting offices. They remit their deposits to their Head offices to earn larger rates of interest there. The Surat District Co-op. Bank Ltd., and its branches during the last official year lent upto Rs. 1,10,00,000/- at rates ranging between 3 and 4½ p.c. They allowed a rebate of annas 8 to annas 12 for every hundred rupees but if repaid within the stipulated period in case of lending at 4 p.c. or more.

Its borrowing rates are 1/4 p.c. for current, 1 p.c. for savings and 1-3/4 p.c. for fixed deposits for a year.

They have done business at such favourable rates of interest as their motive is service and not profit.

The contact between the rural people and the Surat District Co-operative Bank is now forty years old. The first Co-operative Village Bank was started in 1906 at the Village of Degaum in the Chikhli Taluka of the Surat District. The Surat District Co-operative Union Ltd., the forerunner of the present bank was founded in October 1909.

In short there should be no difficulty in recording the following findings:—

Co-operative Bank is the most suitable agency for the purpose as: —

(a) Service and not profit is its motive for work.

(b) It has been doing the work for the last 35 or 40 years.

(c) It has come in close contact with the rural people through the rural co-operative credit societies now spread over most of the rural areas.

(d) The Managers of the rural co-operative credit and other societies are all Honorary workers —have now been intimate with the Managers of the Co-operative Banks and its Branches on which they work either as Directors or members of their Advisory Committees.

(e) The Directors and Managers of the Co-operative Banks are almost in daily contact with the village people in their capacity as lawyers land-owners traders.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Brass Tacks

Reactions to President Truman's "State of the Union message" have run to pattern. The Democrats have hailed it, while the Republicans condemn it as taking America to Socialist perdition. But the critics hit a good point when they said that the speech unfolded no positive plan to fight Communism. No doubt the President was in an expansive mood about prosperity being the foundation for peace. But the fact that Asia has not been too eager to grasp the extended hand of America should have convinced Americans who show a patronising interest in the Far East that Asia wants no strings attached to American aid. Pandit Nehru has made this repeatedly clear. What is more welcome here than dollar capital is the technical "know-how" and it is here that America is in a position to help. For instance, there are many American inventions which have not been put into use, though they are far in advance of the existing techniques, on the ground that, if they are adopted, they would make many plants now working in full swing obsolete. Instead of allowing these inventions to lie in cold storage, why not allow them to be used in Asia or other undeveloped tracts where industrialisation has to start from scratch?

Italian Land Reform

A good illustration of what happens when a Government is slow in implementing its avowed objectives is seen in Italy today. When the de Gasperi Government announced that it will break up big estates new hope dawned for 250,000 landless peasants. The Agricultural Minister Segni announced plans to establish a pool of 3,70,000 acres from which small farms may be handed over. The Government was to spend $8,000,000 to finance the scheme, one-fifth of the amount was to go as compensation to landowners. This was thought to be the best weapon to fight Communism. Even the ECA spokesmen backed the plan with their financial power and prestige. But the wheels of Government grind slowly. Landowners created difficulties and carried on powerful propaganda in the U.S.A. Impatient peasants, annoyed by the delay, thought that the de Gasperi Government had no intention to keep their word and fell easy victims to the propaganda of Communists who incited them to march and seize land forcibly. The tables were turned and the very weapon which was to be used against them, fell into the hands of Communists. Marches of yelling and frenzied peasants were staged to occupy land, while policemen watched sullenly. The Government might have welcomed these forcible seizures as a sharp warning to recalcitrant landowners were it not that an orderly equitable division of land will be impossible, if this continues any more. After subsiding for a while, the movement has spread from South to North Italy. Seized fallow land is being ploughed while the police patrols watch. If it spurs on the Government with their Land Reforms Bill the situation may yet be saved but unhampered by any responsibility agitators can always be a step ahead of a constitutional government, if they decide to take the law into their hands. The moral for India is too obvious to be pointed out.

The Cold Peace

"On its way to Queen Maud Land in the Antarctic, where it will stay until April 1952, is a three-nation expedition composed of British, Norwegian and Swedish explorers. Harmoniously united in declaring that their aim is not to seek minerals, especially uranium, but to conduct research on glaciers, the scientists have taken elaborate precautions against quarrels. Human friction can be dangerous at the South Pole, hence phonographs have been omitted lest arguments arise over choice of music and nerves be frayed by worn records. Instead, 75 pounds of games will be carried, along with five tons of throat lozenges to reduce smoking and facilitate group singing".—WORLD OVER PRESS.

The Wafdists Return

The Wafdists, led by Nahas Pasha, return to power after eight years. They have captured more than 160 out of 319 seats in the first post-war general elections in Egypt. Nahas Pasha has been a national figure for years, he led the movement to sever connections with Britain. His sympathies for India are wellknown and the Wafdists were looked upon as the Egyptian counterpart of the Indian National Congress. Annoyed by his popularity with the people King Farouk dismissed him from Premiership in 1942. Relations between the King and Nahas Pasha were strained for some time and the immediate cause for the break was the dismissal of the Director-General of Public Security who at the King's command had ordered the pulling down of posters which coupled the names of the King and Nahas Pasha. The next Premier charged Nahas Pasha of corruption and dictatorship. The Wafdists boycotted the next elections in 1945 because their request for the establishment of a non-party Government to preside over the elections was turned. Time has shown that there has been no decline in the popularity of the Wafdists and once again by popular verdict their leader Nahas Pasha will be asked to take up the reins of the Government.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Satyagraha

What is Satyagraha? Without entering into scholastic disertations we may define it as the quest of truth through love and non-violence. As different people might have different ideas about what is the truth, this proviso regarding means is most important. A true Satyagrahi would start from his own self the mission of elevating and moral regeneration of mankind, while the protagonists of other isms start it the other way about. It is extremely painful to admit but too true that we never took to that potent weapon in right earnest. We took to it because we could not stage an armed revolt against our foreign rulers, and so Gandhiji had to retrace his steps again and again for our sins of omission and commission in the name of Satyagrana. Though we may differ from Dr. Ambedkar as regards what he said about Satyagraha in the Constituent Assembly on sentimental grounds, we cannot but admit the wisdom and statesmanship behind his words in the present contest of India's politics. He was perfectly right, as a constitutionalist, to condemn every form of direct and revolutionary action, be it bloody or otherwise. Whether Satyagraha is a constitutional method, as Gandhiji had asserted it to be, has for the present no more than academic value, as it is beyond the pale of practical politics, in the absence of a leader of Gandhiji's stature. And the world is not likely to see another like him for a long time to come. The very fact that none in the Constituent Assembly has thought it fit to raise his voice against that part of Dr. Ambedkar's speech speaks volumes by itself, considering as that body is composed mostly of Congressmen and come of the right hand men of Gandhiji. The world had seen the havoc we played with Satyagraha! We had a welter of varieties. I mention here only three as samples: Food Satyagraha, that is fasting in season and out of season; arms Satyagraha, that is shooting some one or other, as it was done during Mulji Petha campaign; of underground Satyagraha. The last one appealed to most of our young men as it has a western glamour about it. These worthy and dashing people forgot that when they go underground they take their Satyagraha along with them, bury it fathoms deep and there is an end of it! As Satyagraha abhors secrecy and stuffiness and is like a plant that grows in the light and open space, it was but natural that it should die of suffocation in that oppression and dark climate! No my friends, these so-called Satyagrahas have nothing to do with the real article of Gandhiji's conception. They are as different from it as darkness from light! As good coins are driven out of circulation by bad and counterfeit ones, the real Satyagrahis become conspicuous by their absence! To call these things by the name of Satyagraha is a travesty, a contradiction in terms. Call it a Satyagraha, Hatagraha, Duragraha or any other agraha, but for God's sake don't call it Satyagraha, because it has not an iota of Satya (truth) about it! If this was the case during Gandhiji's life time, when that Great Soul was acting like a brake to this fast moving downward train, one can only imagine what pass we have come to since then! We see around us all sorts of people abusing that pure weapon indiscriminately. The way the word Satyagraha is being flaunted into your face by all and sundry, from Communists to communalists not to speak of pseudo-Congressmen, is enough to make one sick, with the thought that nothing is left undefiled in this world by man for his sordid and selfish ends! It is useless to remind this gentry that Satyagraha without non-violence in thought, word and action is like a body without soul! Passive resistance and civil disobedience do us embrace all the implications of Satyagraha. They are its negative aspects, as Gandhiji had repeatedly said in his voluminous writings on this subject. But what it avails? Some people have still very hazy ideas about it out of ignorance, others, twist, distort and deform it for this unscrupulous objects. And we, who call Gandhiji Bapu witness this cruel spectacle without any qualms of conscience! Perhaps it is this thought which made our leaders in the Constituent Assembly to keep mum on the subject.

Then are we to believe that Satyagraha, as weapon to redress wrongs, oppression of injustice, is to be abandoned? It would be a tragedy if it is to happen. Satyagraha as a moral equivalent to war and violence has come to stay. It is the only hope of this war-torn world. If mankind is to survive the race of armaments, atom bombs or other deadly weapons, culminating in world wars, a third of which threatens to destroy everything without discrimination it should be the duty of all statesman, thinkers, scientists, authors, poets and artists to do their best for the propagation of the precious weapon. But what we see today? While billions of pounds are being spent for the researching manufacture of deadly weapons, without a passing thought for the grave consequences, not a single laboratory is established on scientific basis to test the efficacy of Satyagraha!

And what about India? Is Satyagraha to suffer the same fate in this country, its birth place of cradle, as Buddhism? Judging by the trend of recent events of our lip service to the ideal of Satyagraha, we may safely say we could not profit by the example of the West! Then why resent the taunts that we adopted Satyagraha because of our helplessness and not for any moral superiority? Let us at least admit in all humility that we have failed miserably and are unworthy of the trust placed in us by the Great Master! We owe this much at least, to his sacred memory!

—V. R. SHIRODKAR.

Cambay.

Miss A Meal

Mr. V. M. Saraiya has criticised the "Miss A Meal" movement and observed that so many persons were already missing meals and the movement would adversely affect the health of the nation. This attitude is typical of the selfish intelligentsia, who when it is a question of making a sacrifice take shelter behind the poor, destitute people but when it is a question of self-indulgence, these very self-styled champions of the hungry, partake of the best things without even thinking of them. This is hypocrisy of the lowest type. I am getting more response from the masses than from the intelligentsia because the minds of the common men are sound, even though their health may not be sound, than from the dyspeptic middle and higher middle classes whose minds have become corrupt. There are many exceptions of course. Let the "haves" do their duty and not worry about the "have nots."

JAG PRAVESH CHANDRA.

Salt Monopoly

There used to be three classes of traders at Sambhar Lake viz A, B and C, who were allotted 5, 3, and 1 shares each, which had been fixed on the basis of the standing of the respective firms. Recently, the Salt Controller for India realised that such distinction, should not exist and he, therefore abolished the said classification and fixed one unit each for all the registered salt traders at Sambhar Lake. Now at Rajputana Salt Sources division which includes Sambhar Lake, Pachbadra and Didwana all the traders are allotted one share each.

But, at the other Government factory at Kharagodha, which is also administered by the same Salt Controller for India there exists a distinction of cards allotted to individual firms. One firm is allotted as many as 174 cards, whereas the other trader is allotted only one card. The Government has abolished the Zamindari system. Still one party alone enjoys a monopoly of more than 50 per cent kharagodha salt trade. There is no legal agreement to that effect which may prevent the Government in breaking this monopoly.

When the Government has successfully fixed one unit each for all traders at Rajputana Salt sources, which exports nearly one crore and 20 lakhs maunds of salt annually and has abolished even the narrow distinction ranging from 5 to 1, there is hardly any difficulty for the Government to abolish such vast inequalities in the respective shares of Kharagodha salt traders which exports about 40 lakhs maunds of salt a year, ranging from 174 to 1 cards. It is therefore, requested that long standing resentment of trade may be immediately put to an end for which several representations to the Ministry of Industry and Supply Government of India, have been made.

—BIHARELAL AGARWAL.

Sambhar Lake.

Fish And Ahimsa

In a recent radio broadcast from Bombay Mr. G. D. Tapase, Bombay's Minister for Fisheries, appealed to the fishing community to augment the catch of fish and help relieve the food situation in the country.

In Ahmedabad we have two tanks, Kankaria and Chandola. The Ahmedabad Municipality decided to convert the first tank into a tank for swimming and so transferred all its water to another tank with the help of big pipes. While so doing plenty of fish had become handy. The poor Sindhi refugees wanted to catch them but they were not allowed to do so. With the water the fish were transferred to the other tank. The alligators in the Kankaria tank were also carefully transferred to the other tank—much care was taken to see that the doctrine of Ahimsa was not violated by endangering the life of the alligators in any way or in any form. So now when one visits the big tank of Chandola one finds plenty of fish swimming in the water and feeding fat on public charity; and no small number of alligators fattening themselves on the fish which have "considerable nutritional value"—while the refugees and other poor people have to watch them helplessly because the local law prevents them from catching the fish, giving at the same time full freedom to the alligators to do so.

—I. B. DESAI.

Ahmedabad.

Retrograde Step

It was feared for some time past that Government would retrace their order of abolishing English in the first seven years of basic training. Only recently the Nayi Talim Conference at Vedchhi and Hindustani conference at Ahmedabad warned the Government against the dangers of such a step. And yet the Government has taken the decision of re-introducing English in standard VII. The reason given is very naive — that the Constituent Assembly has extended the life of English by fifteen years. In the first place the period stated is expected to be the maximum. Secondly it was felt that suitable personnel knowing the regional languages and Hindi would not be readily available. As a corollary, the period is expected to be utilised in giving a fillip to the study of Hindi and regional languages. It was never expected that English should be re-introduced. And yet Government has taken the step. It is definitely a retrograde step. It tends to deal a severe blow to the teaching of craft (Government themselves having suggested a reduction in craft periods in standard seventh!), and it lends the emphasis again to English. It is an open secret that the Government's revoking of their former decision is due to the pressure of vested interests who do not desire a change in the position of English either at school or at the University stage. The sooner the Government see through these vested interests, the better it is for their own prestige and for the sound and national progress of our country. In the meanwhile a great blow is struck at the teaching of craft and at the importance of the mother-tongue and Hindi at Schools.

—A. L. MAZMUDAR

SCOTT COMMENDS GANDHIAN APPROACH

Tackling False Doctrines Of Race & Religion

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (PTI).

REV. MICHAEL SCOTT, spokesman of the South West African Tribes, today commended Mahatma Gandhi's approach to the "false doctrines of race and religion" which were disseminating hatred and violence in South Africa.

Broadcasting from the All India Radio here a talk on "Gandhiji and Racial Equality", Rev. Scott said: "Gandhiji discovered how the vicious circle of hatred and counter-hatred could be broken by a spirit which was more powerful and which took upon itself the full consequences of resisting the evil. The immense significance of this new and irresistible force in the world has yet to be understood but it is as important that it should be understood as to understand the uses of atomic energy."

The rigid social, economic and political colour barrier which extended throughout the whole economy of South Africa, Rev. Scott said, was preventing the normal progress and development of both black and white.

"The doctrine of racial superiority has in fact been made a pretext for dispossessing the indigenous peoples of their lands and those human and political rights whereby they could control their own destiny."

CHOICE BEFORE NATIONS

Stating that "these false doctrines are finding themselves isolated in a rapidly changing world situation," he observed, "now, with the unleashing of atomic energy and the discovery of methods of bacterial warfare the power to destroy our world is almost unlimited. The decision which every race, every religion, and every nation now has to face is whether they are going to continue along the path of bigoted nationalism and racial or religious exclusiveness or whether we are going to find a new and more excellent way to build what the regional planners call a more co-operative and serviceable civilization in the world."

Rev. Scott said: "There is no theoretical or schematic answer to the question how Gandhiji's great discovery in the realm of the spirit, as evidenced in his life and work, can be applied to the fundamental economic racial and political problems of our age. If the world could be saved by schemes and theoretical plans to bring about Utopia, we have them in abundance. But humanity needs the power to achieve its ideals.

GREAT EXPERIMENTER

"Gandhiji showed that he understood how the creative purpose in the universe and in human history were being worked out in every practical problem, not shirking the political problem. He had learned the strength of submission of himself as an instrument whereby the divine creative power could be brought to bear on the most unyielding and complex situations. Gandhiji was the great experimenter in the use of a divine power of love which could combine the utmost respect for human beings as well as for the natural resources of the earth, with a self-less but inflexible determination to resist injustice and to overcome the evils which range race against race, creed against creed and nation against nation."

LIAQUAT MAY NOT VISIT U. S. S. R.

Dutch Paper's Report

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 4 (PTI-Reuter): Dutch liberal newspaper 'Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant' declared today that Pakistan Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan's proposed visit to Russia might not be made, since he had been invited to visit the United States.

The paper said the enthusiastic reception to Pandit Nehru, the Indian Premier, in the United States had caused a great deal of bad feeling in Pakistan and was possibly the cause of the enthusiasm with which the Soviet invitation to Liaquat Ali Khan had been received.

The paper added that Pakistan still held the "trump card", as she could co-operate with Russia as a neighbour, while the United States and Britain were far away.

The paper, deploring the fact that the Kashmir dispute had not yet been settled, suggested that Pakistan and India might in the end find the military expenses too high to continue.

From day to day events were taking place which did not directly concern Kashmir but which in harming relations between the two Dominions made a Kashmir settlement more difficult, the paper concluded.

Stop Press

WAGES UNPEGGED

HELSINKI, Jan. 5 (P.T.I-Reuter): The Finnish Social Democratic Government today "unpegged" wages from the cost of living index, enabling employers and employees to make independent agreements, and authorized an increase of seven and a half per cent in piece rates. All other political parties except the Communists opposed the increase saying that prices have not risen sifficiently to justify it.

A DISGRACE

LONDON, Jan. 5: Mr. Tom Driberg, Labour Member of Parliament, today described South Africa as "an embarassment and indeed a disgrace to the British Commonwealth". He was speaking on British colonial problems to 2,000 school children attending the conference in London organised by the Council for Education in World Citizenship. Mr. Driberg said he regretted the British Government's attitude in the United Nations on the question of hearing Reverend Micheal

ENSURING FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

I.L.O. Move To Set Up Commission

MYSORE, Jan. 5 (PTI).—The governing body of the I.L.O. this afternoon considered the proposal relating to the establishment of a Fact-Finding Commission on Freedom of Association.

The setting up of such a body was approved in the last session of the Governing Body in June and in August the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and had asked the I.L.O. to proceed with the establishment of the Commission on behalf of the United Nations as well.

The Governing Body had before it today the details of a proposal made by the Director-General, Mr. David A. Morse, under which it would be open to the Governing Body to refer to the Commission for impartial examination any allegation of infringement of trade union rights which the Governing Body or the general conference of the I.L.O. considered proper for such reference.

OBJECTION

Mr. A. E. Monk, representing Australian workers, opened the discussion. He took strong objection to Paragraph 10 which demanded prior consent of the Government concerned for reference of disputes to the Commission.

M. Leon Jouhaux (France) leader of the Workers Group, said it was essential that the conventions of the I.L.O. be observed by the various countries and it was necessary that there should be international supervision to see that the conditions were observed.

M. Paul Ramadier, representing the French Government, said this problem was not only the most serious on the agenda but the most serious the I.L.O. had dealt with for a great many years. No problem was more difficult because the I.L.O. wished to make sanctions too severe and too strict in pure law. The consequences would be failure of International Law to make sanctions effective. Therefore, he said, the I.L.O. must be very cautious and very firm.

I.L.O. FELLOWSHIPS FOR 1950

75,000 Dollar Plan Finalised

MYSORE, Jan. 5 (PTI).—Details of a 75,000 dollars programme of I.L.O. fellowships for 1950 were finalised by the Governing Body of the I.L.O. which resumed its third sitting here today with Mr. S. Lall in the Chair.

The field of study for which fellowships are awarded include employment organisations, vocational training and guidance, social security administration, industrial relations, labour inspection and industrial health, safety and welfare.

Two types of fellowships are contemplated. Eighteen will be of six months' duration and will be in different countries while 12 will be for a three-months course in Geneva, the seat of the I.L.O.

There was prolonged debate for over five hours concerning the field of study, the duration of training, standards and methods of selection, organisation of training, financing and co-ordination with the United Nations and other specialised agencies in the field.

CHINA BLOCKADE STRENGTHENED

Nationalist Claim

HONG KONG, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter): British shipping interests are investigating reported Nationalist claims to have strengthened the blockade of the the South China coast by laying mines. The Chinese press today quoted the Nationalists as saying that any ships attempting to enter ports between Pearl River (near Hong Kong) and the Liuchow peninsula opposite Hainan "do so at their own risk."

The Nationalists added that these ships "would either be blown up by mines or shelled by gunboats".

British shipping interests believe the Nationalist announcement contains a large element of propaganda.

Canada Tightens Control On Export

OTTAWA, January 4. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Canada today tightened control on export of strategic materials by increasing the number of countries to which export permits are required from 46 to 64.

At the same time the department, streamlined general export controls by decontrolling 25 non-strategic items and leaving only about 100 items for which export permits are still needed.

STANLEY HITS HEADLINES AGAIN

Sidney Stanley, the Lynskey Tribunal "Spider in the Web" said in Paris on December 29, that after he had left Britain illegally early last year, he was "kidnapped and threatened with shooting, stabbing and deportation to a lonely island; forced to dye his hair black; robbed of £ 10,400 in £ 1 and £ 5 notes and jewels," which "I did not have time to declare to the authorities," and given 1,400 dollars. Photo shows Stanley and his Counsel Andre Blumel in the Lobby of the Paris Law Courts.

News BRIEFS

E. PUNJAB SCHEME

A new short-term irrigation scheme estimated to cost Rs. one crore and twenty-five lakhs and to yield 60,000 tons of more food grains annually by 1951 has been prepared by the East Punjab Government following a two-day conference at Simla of High food officials of the Central and the Provincial Governments on January 3 and 4.

DELHI CONFERENCE

The first session of the three-day International Congress of World Fellowship of Faiths Conference will commence on Friday January 6, 1950 at 3 p. m. at New Delhi Town Hall.

PARLIAMENT HOUSE

The Royal Coat of Arms which symbolised British authority in India for more than two centuries has been removed from the canopy of the speaker's chair in the Council House, New Delhi which will be known as Parliament House from January 26. One of the Royal crests engraved in marble has also been removed from the Princes' Chamber, now housing the Federal Court.

BURMESE PILGRIMAGE

The Burmese Minister-Designate to Ceylon U. Tint Sae who arrived in Colombo on Thursday said there was every likelihood that Prime Minister Thakin Nu would visit Ceylon sometime next month on a pilgrimage to the island's Buddhist shrine.

HYDERABAD HOLIDAYS

The Hyderabad Government have declared January 26 and 27 as public holidays to commemorate the commencement of the new Constitution of India.

PLAGUE REPORT

Five cases of plague were admitted to the isolation hospital, Secunderabad during the week ending December 31, 1949, it was officially learnt.

Five thousand one hundred and sixty anti-plague inoculations were performed during the week under report.

A GREAT DAY FOR ASIA

India's Republic Day

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. J. J. Singh, President of the India League of America, said in a broadcast that January 26, when India will declare herself a republic, "will be a great day not only for India but for the whole of Asia".

Mr. Singh said that, like India, Indonesia had won freedom by making great sacrifices.

"India and other Asian countries face dangers both from within and without", Mr. Singh said.

"Prime Minister Nehru will unflinchingly fight against the totalitarian ideologies both of the right and the extreme left".

Mr. Singh declared that so far as Communist propaganda in Asia was concerned, the only way to cause it "to die a natural death" was to help the democratic forces in Asian countries in raising the standard of living of the people.

London Celebrations On January 26

LONDON, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is to join in the London celebrations on January 26 — the day the new Indian Republic is inaugurated.

He will address a public meeting organised by the India League and also on the platform with him will be Mr. Clement Davies, leader of the Liberal Party, and Lord Tweedsmuir, speaking for the Conservatives. The only Indian speaker is expected to be the High Commissioner, Mr. Krishna Menon.

ADJUSTMENT OF FINANCES

Deshmukh Award Expected Soon

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (UPI)—The "Deshmukh Award" which is to replace the existing financial adjustment between the Centre and the Provinces, in respect of income-tax and jute export duty receipts, is expected to be announced by the end of this month, according to authoritative sources here today.

Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, whose assignment for this task was announced by the Government some time ago, is stated to have already received the views of some Provincial Governments and other interests, while those of others are expected in a few days' time. After examining those views, he may visit one or two provinces in this connection, if necessary.

Mr. Deshmukh's award, which will be of an interim nature, will determine the basis of the financial adjustment between the Centre and the Provinces until the Financial Commission, as envisaged under the new Constitution makes its recommendations.

The award it is learnt, will be well in time to be incorporated in the next budget provisions.

PAN INDIAN OCEAN SCIENCE CONGRESS

POONA, Jan. 5 (PTI)—The first meeting of the Pan Indian Ocean Science Congress will be held in Calcutta in January 1951.

The Congress, which will coincide with the thirty-eighth session of the Indian Science Congress, has been sponsored to "integrate scientific research activities in the Indian Ocean region and promote co-operation among scientists of South East Asia."

Australia, New Zealand, Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Madagascar and South Africa will be represented at this meeting.

P.A. Menon Meets Salazar

LISBON, Jan. 5, (PTI-Reuter): The Indian Minister to Portugal, Mr. P. A. Menon, visited the Portuguese Prime Minister, Dr. Antonio de Oliveria Salazar, at his residence, the Saodento Palace this evening, an evening, an Indian Legation spokesman said today.

Mr. Menon, he said, was received by the Prime Minister "with great friendliness and courtesy and had a pleasant 35-minute talk."

Extending Time To Spend China Funds

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter) The Economic Co-operation Administration is considering asking Congress for an extension of the time limit for spending between 90 and 100 million dollars of funds earmarked for China it was stated by the Assistant ECA Administrator, Mr. Richard Dissell.

He said ECA's authority to spend the money would automatically lapse next month unless action was taken by Congress.

McNaughton Goes Home

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter): General A. G. L. McNaughton, retiring President of the Security Council and negotiator in the Indo-Pakistan dispute in Kashmir, has gone to Newfoundland and is not expected to return to Lake Success before January 10.

The meeting of the Security Council is not now likely to take place before January 11 or 12, it is learnt.

The Council must meet at least once every fortnight and the last meeting was held on December 29.

CAST YOUR LOT WITH THE POOR

Jagjivan Ram's Advice To Harijans

BANGALORE, Jan. 4. (PTI): Mr. Jagjivan Ram, India's Labour Minister today advised Harijans to cast their lot with the poor.

"The problem of Harijans today is the problem of the poor", he said. By joining forces with the poor section of the community, not with the aim of wreaking vengence on those who had oppressed and exploited them in the past, they could work not only for their own salvation and progress but the salvation of the nation, he added.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram was replying to an address presented on behalf of the depressed classes of Mysore State.

The address pointed out that time had come when the welfare of the depressed classes should be treated as a central subject. It suggested that a high level conference of representatives of all provincial Governments, working in the field of depressed classes uplift, should be convened and a common policy laid down.

UNTOUCHABILITY QUESTION

Mr. Jagjivan Ram in his reply dealt with the historical background of untouchability in India and said the problem was not a new one. Untouchability had been attacked from time to time by religious reformers, from Buddha down to Rajaram Mohan Roy, Vivekananda and Dayanand Saraswati. There was also a galaxy of saints and seers among the socalled untouchables who tried to rid Hindu society of the evil. They did not, however, succeed except in creating new divisions in Hindu society. It was, however, Mahatma Gandhi who gave a new orientation to the problem. Unlike the attempts of the past which sought to reform Hindu society on a religious basis, he had attacked the question of untouchability from a political angle and succeeded in making it the most burning topic of the day, directing attention of every intelligent citizen of India towards the question. Mahatma Gandhi had realised the backward classes of the community could not enjoy their due privileges and prestige unless they secured their political rights. The provisions in the new constitution, aimed at securing the position of the backward classes, had been decided indiscussions held by Mahatma Gandhi long before they were included in the constitution. Mr. Jagjivan Ram said.

Under the provisions of the constitution, the Labour Minister said, every citizen, irrespective of caste, creed or religion, would be able to assert himself. One revolutionary change was in regard to franchise, which uptill, now was based on either the possession of property or learning, through the position improved to some extent under the constitution of 1935. Under the new constitution, however, all vestiges of the past system had disappeared and today "the multimillionaire and the poor labourer are placed on an equal footing so far as franchise is concerned".

'NEHRU'S POLICY IS ANTI-RED'

New York Times Report

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Indian Governments actions leave no question that its policy is anti-Communist, a special report from India in the "New York Times" annual financial supplement said today. This was, the report said, "despite India's recognition of the Communist Chinese Government and Prime Minister Nehru's profession of a middle course in the cold war".

"The Government is loath to take any action that would drive the Communists completely underground", the writer said.

The report added that "Communist inspired violence, particularly in Calcutta" had been a growing problem in the last year.

"In recent months", the report added, "it has been increasingly difficult for citizens of nations in the Soviet bloc to obtain visas for India."

Disbandment Of Veteran Corps In Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 4 (P.T.I-Reuter): General Douglas MacArthur, Allied Commander in Japan, today announced disbandment of the veteran first and ninth corps headquarters at Kyodo and Sendai, because "with relaxation of occupation control, such supervision is no longer necessary."

A spokesman for the General said the men and equipment made available by the disbandment would be used to augment combat and service units of the American eighth army.

Nazi General's Widow Gets Two Years

MUNICH, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Frau Mathilde Ludendorff, 72-year-old widow of former Field Marshal Erich Ludendorff, was today sentenced to two year's "special labour" by a German denazification court here.

The court classified her a "major Nazi offender".

The court ordered the confiscation of all her property above 5,000 deutsche marks (about 400 sterling).

The court further ordered that for the rest of her life she could do only "common labour" and that she must be subject to residential restrictions.

Indians Kidnapped

BHUBRI, Jan. 5 (U.P.I.): A 'rice control' checker and a home guard on duty at Satrosal on the Assam-Pakistan border were reported to have been kidnapped by a Pakistani crowd. One Indian Dominion National, Rohimuddin Munshi, who went to rescue them, was also kidnapped and is believed to have been handed over to the Pakistan police.

Mr. Dasgupta, S.D.O. Dhubri, it is stated, moved the Pakistan authorities for their release, but no trace of the kidnapped persons has been received.

MINORITY MOTION REJECTED

Debate On Freedom Of Criticism

KARACHI, Jan. 4 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Pakistan's parliament today rejected an opposition motion asking the government to assure the people that criticism of the cabinet or individual ministers would not be construed as disloyalty to the state.

Prof. Rajkumar Chakravarty, leader of the Congress opposition, maintained that both the central and provincial governments had officials who were very intolerant of criticism. "All I ask for is the opportunity for free and fair criticism", Prof. Chakravarty said.

Pointing out that all Pakistan provinces had Muslim League ministries, he added, 'If a Muslim League Committee criticises the government such criticism is tolerated, but if a minority voices genuine criticism it is accused of anti-Pakistan activity".

Shahdul Haque of East Bengal, who opposed the motion said "minorities in East Pakistan have received treatment which has been admired by all and envied by our neighbours".

Those with anti-Pakistani feelings, "have no right to live in Pakistan" he said.

"No state can tolerate civil licence under the guise of civil liberties", he added.

Mr. Dhirendra Nath Dutta condemned "this pernicious theory of politics being based on religion"

He complained the Press Trust of India correspondent had been kept in jail for a long time because he had given information about a certain event in Dacca city.

"We, the Hindus of East Pakistan are in great difficulty", he said, "because we feel that any criticism of the government by us is likely to be considered by the government as tantamount to an act of disloyalty."

Mr. Dutta said he was pained to read in today's newspaper that the leader of the North-west Frontier ministerial party had disallowed any opposition in his ministry and had banned 19 political organisations in the province.

"In this connection I cannot but refer to our leader, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan who has been put in jail because he formed a political party which disliked the government," he said.

Opposition to the motion came from Begum Ikramullah, who, while agreeing that the government should be criticised said that motion's acceptance would be an admission that at some stage it had been agreed that criticism of government could be construed as disloyalty to the state.

Mr. Nur Ahmed described the motion as "pernicious" and alleged that the Government was tolerating activities of a seditious nature. Malicious and destructive criticism of the Government should certainly not be allowed, he said.

Consumers Co-operatives' Threat Of Closure

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 5. (P.T.I.): About 200 consumers' co-operative societies running ragi ration shops in the city will close down if the Government policy of holding their chairmen and secretaries responsible for irregularities committed by the paid staff is not changed.

This announcement was made at a meeting of the consumers' co-operative societies held last evening. The meeting decided to make a suitable representation to Government in this connection.

Comparative Peace On Indo-Pak Frontier

AMRITSAR, January 4. (P.T.I.): A conference of Amritsar and Lahore border police officers held at Khalara yesterday recorded that there had been comparative peace on this section of the frontier, it is learnt.

Sweepers Strike In Ujjain

INDORE, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): The staff of the Sanitation Department of Ujjain City Municipality including sweepers, has gone on a strike since yesterday.

The strikers have demanded dearness allowance and pay scales equal to that of the Madhya Bharat Government employees with effect from January 1, 1949.

War Profit Tax

INDORE, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): The Government of Madhya Bharat has brought into force the War Profit Tax Ordinance and the Indore Excess Profit Duty Order (Amendment) Regulation of 1949, from January 1, 1950.

People IN THE NEWS

MR. MORARJI DESAI

SHALAPUR, Jan. 5, (PTI): Mr. Morarji Desai, Bombay's Home Minister, will arrive here on a short pisit on the eighth of the month.

The Home Minister will visit Home Guards camp in Tikekarwadi, four miles from here.

MR. K. SANTHANAM

SHOLAPUR, Jan. 5, (PTI): Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Transport and Railways, Government of India, will arrive here on January 12 on a day's visit.

The city Municipal Borough and the Sholapur District Local Board have decided to present addresses of welcome to Mr. Santhanam.

Mr. Santhanam will also address a public meeting in the evening.

MR. H. R. GOLLAN

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5, (PTI): Mr. H. R. Gollan, Australian High Commissioner in India, will leave New Delhi on January 6 to attend the conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers in Colombo.

MR. NARAHARI RAO

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5, (PTI): Mr. V. Narahari Rao, Auditor-General of India, has been appointed Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Red Cross Society and allied funds from January 1, it was announced here today.

Keeping Forces In Somaliland

ITALY SEEKS U. N. PERMISSION

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 4. (PTI-Reuter): Italy has asked the United Nations for permission to keep forces in Somaliland where she is to be administering power under the General Assembly's ruling.

The Italian Government made this request in a draft trusteeship agreement submitted to the Trusteeship Council, which is changed with the task of completing an agreement between Italy and the United Nations for a ten-year trust administration over the former Italian colony.

The proposed agreement, made public today, was presented to Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, by Mr. Luciano Mascia, Italy's United Nations observer.

It reiterated Italy's pledge to all in its power to prepare the Somali people for eventual independence, as decided upon by the United Nations.

The draft asks the United Nations to give Italy the power to establish "whatever military, naval and air installations are necessaryf or the defence of the territory, to maintain its own armed forces and to raise volunteer contingents in the territory.

Italy also wants permission to take any measures within the limits specified in the United Nations charter to ensure "respect for the laws and maintenance of order in the territory, as well as respect for such undertakings relative to collaboration as the administering authority may be required to give to the Security Council."

Under the agreement Italy would protect the rights of the Somali population, give no special privileges to non-nationals, and not permit discrimination among the United Nations Nationals seeking concessions. Monopolies would be parred.

Administration of the former Italian colony would be in the hands of an Italian appointed in Rome, having an Advisory Council designated by the General Assembly from among Egyptian, Colombian and Filipino candidates.

Italy would also pledge: (1) Diplomatic and consular protection for the territory's inhabitants abroad.

(2) An independent judicial system with "full application of Islamic law and local customary law".

(3) Full civil and political rights.

The United Nations Trusteeship Council is to meet in Geneva on January 19. The draft Italian proposals will be considered.

Ethiopian Refusal To Recognise U. N. Decision

ASMARA, ADDIS ABABA, Jan. 4. (P.T.I-Reuter): Ethiopia announced in a telegram to the United Nations published here today that she refused to recognise the General Assembly's decision to give Italy trusteeship over her (Italy's) old East African Colony of Somaliland.

She charged that the Assembly had ignored the "just claims" of Ethiopia to the 220,000 square mile territory and alleged that the decision "contradicts openly" the Paris Peace Treaty.

The telegram also said Ethiopia was considering asking the International Court of Justice at The Hague for its opinion as to the ability of a valid agreement being negotiated between the Trusteeship Council and Italy and Italy's "capacity and suspected inability" to assume and exert trusteeship so long as she is not a member of the United Nations.

U. S. GOVT. DEBT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. (PTI-Reuter): The United States Government debt at the end of 1949 stood at 257,000,000,000 dollars the Treasury announced today.

The deficit in the current financial year, ending June 30 next, totalled 3,299,798,921 dollars at the halfway mark on December 30.

This deficit in the first half of the 1950 fiscal year is well on the way to bearing out President Truman's estimate of a 5,800,000,000 dollar deficit this year.

FOREIGN FILMS

A scene from "My Friend Irma", starring John Lund, Diana Lynn, next change at New Empire.

IT REACHES HEIGHTS OF TRAGIC GREATNESS

"Joan Of Arc" Unforgettable Screen Event

ONE of the more important films of the year, Walter Wanger's "Joan Of Arc" proves that the screen can indeed be an apt medium for works of art. Held over for another week at the Eros, this fine film is not mere entertainment, but an achievement of the highest order.

Adapted from Maxwell Anderson's distinguished "Joan of Lorraine", the film is full of the pomp and pageantry of court life, with the simple country girl showing up in sharp contrast against the false and glittering veneer of court life with its retinue of sycophants and the vaccillating Dauphin bowing before all the winds of intrigue.

Placed at the head of an army thoroughly disheartened by continual defeat, Joan wins a series of victories, but is shamefully betrayed and sold into the hands of her mortal foes. Subjected to humiliations and tortures, she is branded a witch and heretic, and after a travesty of a trial, is condemned to the stake.

Ingrid Bergman's acting constitutes a veritable tour de force, and set beside her previous triumphs, emerges as one of the finest things she has ever done. Acted throughout with deep dramatic sense, the closing scenes rise to heights of tragic greatness.

Newcomer Jose Ferrer contributes a gem of acting as the Dauphin who lacks the spirit to defend the Maid against her caluminators. Francis L. Sullivan, whose cunning cruelty is completely bereft of the saving grace of a conscience, gives a characterisation of evil that is no less monstrous because it is so readily condoned by the men in power.

Victor Fleming's direction has captured all the sweep and drama of the powerful screenplay, while the beautiful Technicolor photography has enhanced the visual appeal of the scenes. This film can be unhesitatingly recommended.

THRILLER STAYS THIRD WEEK

Packing all the swashbuckling drama that has made 'Dumas' "The Three Musketeers" a favourite for generations, MGM's film version of the novel remains on at the Metro for a third week. Staged in a much lighter vein than the original, Gene Kelly has the major role of D'Artagnan, the Gascon bumpkin who became the most dreaded swordsman in all France.

More than a little reminiscent of the elder Fairbanks, Kelly romps through his part with a great deal of gusto, and is ably supported by a distinguished cast which includes Lana Turner, Van Heflin, June Allyson and Vincent Price.

This film has proved extremely popopular since it has all the thrills and action of the Dumas novel combined with a carefree, mock-heroic treatment of the plot which makes it ideal light entertainment.

BRILLIANT FARCE AT STRAND

Danny Kaye At His Craziest

Hilarity is common enough in a Danny Kaye film, but in "The Inspector General", the brilliant comedian has turned his lunacy into a work of art. There is hardly a scene in this fine film which will not evoke gales of laughter.

Dominating the entire picture, Kaye starts out as assistant to a peddlar of fake elixirs, and after a series of steadily mounting mishaps, finds himself practically lord and master of a town whose corrupt mayor and council mistakenly suppose him to be an emmissary of Napoleon deputed to root out graft and corruption.

Before the inevitable denouement unmasks him as an impostor, Kaye manages to have the time of his life, and by some fortunate quirks of an extremely benign Fate, succeeds in being made mayor when the genuine emmissary realises his true worth.

Apart from the comedy interspersing the plot, Danny Kaye's superbly acted song and dance burlesques are alone worth the price of admission. His mimic genius is at its best in a Gargantuan banquet scene where he, single-handed, polishes off a feast that would have satisfied a dozen hearty eaters.

Walter Slezak, as the keen witted gypsy, Gene Lockhart as the mayor with the itching palm, Alan Hale, Elsa Lanchester and Barbara Bates round off the cast. Photographed in vivid Technicolour, this film is comedy at its best, and a laugh tonic that is sure to please all, highbrow and lowbrow alike.

Rise And Fall Of A Borgia

'PRINCE OF FOXES' STAYS ON

With the original Italian locales providing a fitting background for this tale of medieval blood-lust and power-politics, the Twentieth Century-Fox historical film "Prince Of Foxes" stays on for yet another week at the New Empire theatre.

The infamous Cesare Borgia's henchman Andrea Orsini is sent on a mission to betray the ancient dukedom of Varano, and finding himself drawn by the saintly qualities of the duke decides to help instead of betraying him. For a while everything favours Orsini, but ultimately the enraged Cesare Borgia takes the citadel and sets out to wreak his own peculiar sadistic vengeance on his former hireling. The ensuing scenes of torture are enough to horrify even the most insensitive.

Borgia's infamy however, has turned even his most ardent allies into bitter enemies, and he soon finds himself overthrown with Orsini at the head of his victors.

Orson Welles has given a masterful portrayal of deep, cold-blooded villainy, of evil lurking behind a charming smile and a well turned phrase. The subtle working of the Borgia personality is superbly rendered by the restraint of Welles' acting.

Tyrone Power, in the important role of Orsini, acquits himself well acting in turn the conspirator, the assassin, and finally the repentant patriot anxious only to make amends for his past perfidy. Felix Aylmer is outstanding in the role of the aged duke, while Wanda Hendrix plays his young wife whose credo is her own and her country's honour. "Prince Of Foxes" is a life-like presentation of a dramatic episode of medieval history.

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THE HE-MAN DONS A DISGUISE

Cary Grant As War Bride

PACKED with side-splitting situatio ns and capped with a hilarious female impersonation by he-man Cary Grant, the week's attraction at the Regal is Twentieth Century-Fox's marital comedy, "I Was A Male War Bride."

Grant is a French soldier who, at the termination of hostilities in Europe is given a special assignment along with Ann Sheridan, a lieutenant in the American WACs. The couple find themselves constantly in each other's hair but after the usual bouts of squabbling common to all lovers, wind up madly in love. Deciding to get married, they go through three separate ceremonies and, at the end, find that Grant cannot go to America because of official red tape.

Trying to get past army regulations, Cary poses as his own wife, and when that is not enough, has perforce to don female attire comply with horse-hair wig. Before everything is smoothed out, poor Cary passes through more tribulations than a screen hero has been subjected to in a long, long time.

Cary Grant is positively delicious in a tailor-made role which enables him to exploit his flair for comedy to the full. Ann Sheridan does extremely well opposite him as the lovelorn lieutenant who cannot get her man to go with her to America.

This fine comedy is sure to prove a laugh-raiser that will bear comparison with the best, and was produced by Sol C. Seigel and given swiftly paced direction by veteran Howard Hawks.

"HAMLET" BACK

The superb film version of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" will be revived at the Regal from the 13th of this month.

Directed and produced by Laurence Olivier, one of the world's great Shakespearean actors, and with the main role enacted by him, the film proved a rare treat to filmgoers when it was first shown in Bombay.

One piece of good news about the re-issue is that the film will be shown without those cuts which proved such an irritating feature of the first release. This film is an absolute must.

Sardar Sees News Reels

BOMBAY, Thursday (UPI)—Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, saw at Birla House here last night a special screening of the news reel produced by the film Division of the Government of India, on the recent visit of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister, to the United States.

Cary Grant and Ann Sheridan in "I was A Male War Bride".

MAMDOT ENQUIRY IN LAHORE

Defence Case Concludes

LAHORE, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): The defence case in the Mamdot Enquiry on all the eleven charges concluded yesterday after about 15 hearings before the special bench of the Lahore High Court. It took the defence about one month to produce the evidence of 40 witnesses, many of whom had deposed in camera.

After the conclusion of the defence case the prosecution detained leave of the court to produce some more witnesses for the rebuttal of the defence evidence and produced three witnesses who were examined and cross-examined yesterday. Their evidence was recorded in camera. A number of more prosecution witnesses are expected to be produced on Friday next.

Hearing of arguments will possibly begin on Monday next.

Of the five witnesses produced in the court yesterday, the evidence of only one witness, the last from the defence, Sayyid Nazar Husain, Chairman, District Board, Lyallpur, was not recorded in camera. Witness deposed that Chaudhri Mushtaq Ahmed Cheema, formerly Deputy Commissioner, Lyallpur, opposed his candidature for the presidentship of the District Board.

INTERFERENCE

To a further question witness replied that at that time relations between Mr. Cheema and Mian Bari were very good and the former supported the party of the latter, in the Muslim League elections.

Witness did not like an officer of Mr. Cheema's standing to interfere with local party politics and he sent many telegrams to the Provincial Premier and Governor to that effect. He also led a deputation to the Premier, the Khan of Mamdot, in the same connection.

After the evidence of three prosecution witnesses was recorded in quick succession, the court rose for the day to meet again on Friday.

LOKMANYA MILL CLOSES DOWN

1,100 Idle In Barsi

SHOLAPUR, Jan. 5, (PTI): The Lokmanya Spinning and Weaving Mill Barsi closed down yesterday rendering its 1,100 employees idle.

There are three textile mills in Barsi, namely, the Lokmanya Spinning and Weaving Mill, the Jayasankar Mill and the Barsi Spinning and Weaving Mill. Of these, the Barsi Mill, which had earlier notified its decision to close down, has withdrawn its notice and decided to continue working. The Jayasankar Mill has already announced its decision to close down from the tenth of this month.

London Lawyers For India

ENROLMENT IN FEDERAL COURT

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (PTI)—Some well known British lawyers may appear regularly before the Federal Court, which will be known as the Supreme Court of India from January 26.

Among those who have applied for enrolment include Mr. D. N. Pritt, M. P. and Mr. C. S. Reqcastle, while Mr. G. M. John Perey Eddy has already been enrolled. The old "House of Follocks" has been enrolled as agents.

Several Indian lawyers practising at the Privy Council Bar for the last twenty years have also applied for enrolment. Among them are Mr. V. V Subba Rao, Mr. R. K. Handoo and Mr. J. C. Chinnadorai. The number of senior advocates on the Federal Court rolls today is 180 and junior advocates 425.

The jurisdiction of the Privy Council on Indian cases, it was stated, began in 1725 with appeals from the Mayor's Courts of Calcutta,, Madras and Bombay. During the last several years, India provided about 50 per cent of the appeals to the Privy Council. Practically the whole of the judicial administration of India had been shaped by the Privy Council judges who had also decided controversial questions relating to Hindu and Muslim Law .

DISTRIBUTION OF RIVER WATERS

New Legislation

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5.

The Government of India planning legislation in order to assume powers for the proper distribution of the waters of rivers flowing through two or more Provinces. The provision for the assumption of such powers has been made in the new Constitution.

Two instances are cited. The waters flowing from the Bhakra Dam now in course of construction is claimed by the Province of Punjab, Punjab States Union and Bikaner. A similar claim has been made by Madras and Hyderabad over the waters of the Tungabhadra.

The Government of India hold that in the execution of the river development plans, all the parties claiming a share in the waters of the river should have a say. With this end in view, the Government of India have called a conference of interested parties to reach an agreement over the execution of the Bhakra Dam Project, the intention being to associate the Bikaner and the Punjab States representatives with its execution.

The conference meets here on January 10. A similar conference of Madras and Hyderabad representatives is envisaged here at an early date.

U. N. Force For Kashmir

BRITISH SOCIETY'S SUGGESTIONS

LONDON, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The New Commonwealth Society has suggested that the proposed United Nations Mediator in Kashmir be given the support of an international force capable of securing the complete regularity of the plebiscite and of maintaining law and order.

Mr. N. B. Foot, General Secretary of the New Commonwealth Society, in a letter to "The Times" said that it was highly improbable that India and Pakistan could be persuaded to withdraw their forces from Kashmir unless some other impartial stabilising force could be introduced to prevent the territory falling into anarchy prior to the plebiscite.

"It was with this consideration in mind that the New Commonwealth Society recently urged that the proposed United Nations Mediator should be given the support of an international force capable of securing the complete regularity of the plebiscite and of maintaining law and order".

"In submitting this proposal the Society recalled the marked success of similar action undertaken by the League of Nations in the Saar in 1935", Mr. Foot said.

The New Commonwealth Society, which was formed in 1932, is an international, non-political organisation.

Mr. Winston Churchill is its present President and Mr. Clement Attlee, British Prime Minister, is one of its Vice-Presidents.

A spokesman of the New Commonwealth said today that the main objective of the society was to promote the establishment of international law and order.

INDONESIA MUST BE AN ISLAMIC STATE

Otherwise Country Will Go Red, Says Pak Minister

KARACHI, January 4 (PTI-Reuter): Pakistan's Minister of Industries, Chaudhry Nazir Ahmed Khan told a press conference yesterday that if Indonesia did not become an Islamic State she would go Communist.

Mr. Nazir Ahmed—who had just returned from the Indonesian Independence Day celebrations—said his impression was that the majority of the Indonesian people desired the establishment of an Islamic State.

He said Pakistan did not wish to interfere in another country's politics, but he added that all nations, if they did not want "the tragedy of China repeated", should see to it that Indonesia was allowed to develop into "a natural State".

"The genius of the people demands one pattern of constitution and that is an Islamic constitution", he said.

"Another form of ideology would be disastrous for the country".

CHARGE AGAINST INDIA

Chaudhry Nazir Ahmed accused India of spreading "poisonous propaganda" against Pakistan in Indonesia.

"There is an impression that Pakistan has not shown much sympathy towards Indonesia", he continued. "Pakistan has not made much propaganda about its help to Indonesia, but during my visit the highest sources told me that had it not been for the timely help that Pakistan gave them, their independence would not have been so early or so easy".

Pakistan's action in stopping the flight of Dutch aircraft over her territory had cost the Dutch 60,000 guilders daily. "What we did was done because we thought it our duty, not in exchange for anything from Indonesia".

FORCED LANDING OF SKYMASTER

More Details Of Mishap In East Bengal

COMILLA, (East Pakistan) Jan. 5, (UPI): The details of the forced landing of a Skymaster plane flying a cargo of jute from Agaratala to Calcutta show that the plane landed at Kuti, in East Pakistan on the afternoon of December 30.

After its petrol tank had burst in the air the plane had caught fire. Two men were also killed in the accident and the plane along with its jute cargo, was burnt. Two Australian and one Indian members of the crew were injured. They were carried to Kamalasagar Railway Station by boat and removed to Comilla Hospital The condition of the Indian radio operator is said to be serious while the others are progressing.

The Australian pilot of the plane Capt Anderson, said in an interview that when 14 miles away from Agartala, the plane caught fire and the crew landed in a waterway far from human habitation.

Legislative Assembly Staff Learn Hindi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (PTI)—Hindi classes for the non-Hindi knowing members of the staff of the Legislative Assembly Department were started today. According to a recent official directive, it was necessary for every member of the Department to acquire some working knowledge of Hindi language.

The classes will be conducted in the Council House outside office time by volunteer teachers recruited from among the members of the staff. The scope of the lessons include not only the teaching of the Devnagari script and Hindi etymology but also lectures on grammar Special emphasis, it was stated would be laid on the inflection of verbs and the masculine and feminine forms of nouns which presented the greatest "headache" in the learning of Hindi.

MORE ATTENTION TO PREVENTIVE ASPECT

Dr. Jhirad's Suggestions At Gynaecological Congress

MADRAS, Jan. 5 (PTI).

PRESIDING over the sixth All India Obstetric and Gynaecological Congress here today, Dr. Jerusha H. Jhirad of Bombay pleaded for a re-orientation of the present trend of practice in obstetrics and gynaecology for developing the health of the country.

Over one hundred delegates from various Provinces and States and a large number of visitors attended the Congress, which was inaugurated by the Provincial Health Minister, Dr. T. S. S. Rajan.

The Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, in a message wishing success to the Congress stated: "I am glad to send to the sixth Congress of All-India medical men dealing with women's travails my most sincere and good wishes. May their efforts in relieving pain and saving life with particular reference to conditions in our country meet with increasing success."

The Governor of Madras, the Maharaja of Bhavnagar and Premier, Mr. P. S. Kumaraswamy Raja, were among those who sent messages wishing success to the Congress.

"Obstetrics should be what nature intended it to be and not be turned into a pathological condition," said Dr. Jerusha Jhirad. In the practice of the art of midwifery, the younger generation of specialists seemed to be greatly influenced by work abroad, particularly by the developments in the USA. Although there was much to be taken from the West, she said, they should preserve the conservative attitude and not unnecessarily multiply operative interference.

RIGHT APPROACH

Dr. Jhirad said: "Changing social trends will have repercussions on our work."

"For example, increasing age at marriage among the enlightened classes, indulgence in regular exercises and consequent physical development of the modern girl are factors which will be welcomed by obstetricians."

She said that they as obstetricians "can play a prominent part in educating the public as to the right approach. Advise for spacing the family or for avoiding pregnancy, where it is considered detrimental to the health of women, should certainly be given.

"When, however, a modern woman, who gets married, say, at about 25, wishes to postpone conception by a few years, she may need advice to the contrary, as a first pregnancy near or after 30 carries proportionately more hazards. Sterilisation is often being demanded by comparatively young mothers. It is for obstetricians to consider these cases carefully and give the right guidance."

PRE-NATAL CARE

Obstetricians and gynecologists, Dr. Jhirad added, could well take interest in youth movements and their social environment, to inculcate clean, healthy living and thinking and inspire "the prospective parents with an ideal approach to married life, so that each partner brings in the right contribution for the propagation of the species."

Dr. Jhirad regretted the tendency to belittle the value of ante-natal care, "the sheet anchor of obstetric work", and relegate it to juniors or even to separate sets of workers or to the labour ward.

"This type of approach at a teaching institute is disastrous", she declared adding: "If prevention is our watch-word, teachers, responsible for the preparation of the prospective doctor and the future obstetrician must see to it that all work and teaching are well co-related in the department.

"Ante-natal clinics have become overcrowded at most institutions and, the staff being inadequate, much routine is rushed through with little of value accruing either to the student or patient. The high percentage of still-births and prematures, for which no cause can be assigned, has been shown to be largely due to social and economic factors.

EFFICIENT TEACHING

Dr. Jhirad said the teaching of obstetrics and gynaecology had to be considered with the teaching of the other subjects, adding: "A good foundation of general medicine and surgery, as also pathology is essential for the study of the special subjects."

She deprecated the tendency towards increasing the number of admissions or having double shifts in colleges, and asked: "Can our profession or, for the matter of that, any responsible profession afford to think in terms of numbers at the risk of efficiency?"

The aim of each institution should be to give individual teaching,—much smaller batches affording contact with the teacher.

PREVENTIVE ASPECT

In the teaching of obstetrics to under-graduates, she said the preventive aspect has to be prominently to the fore, so as to make students realise that much of midwifery can be kept normal by adequate preventive measures, and many a gynaecological ailment can be prevented. The future obstetrician would be part of a team of workers in preventive medicine.

Maternal mortality, Dr. Jhirad said, was still very high in the country.

"Maternal and child welfare are a direct concern of the State. Mere opening of centres and having a network of health visitors cannot help solve the problem, unless, side by side, the issues of welfare, housing and economic conditions, adequate food supply (within the means of the masses) are tackled."

She expressed the hope that this aspect of the national problem would be put first on the priority list, and carried through in spite of financial stringency."

LIMIT INDIAN'S FAMILY

Maj.-Gen. Sharma's Suggestion

NEW DELHI, Jan 5 (PTI)—Maj.-General A. N. Sharma, Director, Armed Forces Medical Services, advocates planned parenthood for Indians.

Writing in the services journal 'Fauji Akhbar", he says: "No sentiment should stand in the way of taking positive measures for the limiting of the family."

One of the measures he suggests is to raise the age of marriage for Indian girls to 18 or 20 years.

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GEMINI'S Nishan

RELEASE OF JUTE BY PAKISTAN

A Week, Says Mr. G. A. Faruqi

CALCUTTA, Jan. 5 (PTI)—Mr. G. A. Faruqi, Secretary to the Ministry of Comerce, Government of Pakistan and Chairman of the Pakistan Jute Board, said here today that the decision of the Pakistan Government regarding the release of the 500,000 bales of Pakistani jute purchased by Indian parties, could be expected in about a week's time.

Mr. Faruqi, who is now in Calcutta today met the West Bengal Premier, Dr. B. C. Roy, Chairman of the Indian Jute Mills Association and Controller of Jute, India, Mr. J. R. Walker.

Mr. Faruqi told pressmen that he was discussing with the Indian Jute Mills Asociation the procedure to be followed for expending the despatch of jute when released. They would take their decision in a few day's time after going through the papers. The release would have to be made by instalments.

As regards the 60,000 bales of Indian jute, held up during transit through Pakistan, Mr. Faruqi said that orders for their release had already been issued. If however, it had not started moving as yet, it might be due to misunderstanding on the part of the local authorities. In any case, it would start moving shortly, he said.

Mr. Faruqi will leave for Chittagong tomorrow and after two days' stay there, will proceed to Dacca.

S. AFRICA OFFERS COAL TO PAKISTAN

Competitive, Says State Bank Director

DAR ES SALAM, Jan. 4, (PTI-Reuter): South Africa has offered to sell Pakistan all the coal she needs following the cessation of imports by Pakistan from India, Mr. Hatim Alvi a director of the State Bank of Pakistan said here today.

He was making a short private visit to East Africa.

"Hitherto we did not purchase coal from South Africa and preferred to use Indian coal, not because South African coal rates were uncompetitive but for other reasons.

"It is probable that better political understanding will now prevail between the two countries and Pakistan may take coal from South Africa," Mr. Alvi added.

India suspended the export of coal to Pakistan on December 24 when Mr. K. C. Neogy, Indian Commerce Minister accused the Pakistan Government of deliberately detaining an enormous quantity of jute purchased and paid for by Indian nationals.

A Karachi message yesterday said that Poland had agreed to supply 85,000 tons of coal monthly to Pakistan for an indefinite period.

SINGAPORE BANDITS AGAIN ACTIVE

Train Attacked: 2 Injured

SINGAPORE, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter): Terrorists fired at the Singapore-Kuala Lumpur night mail train last night, wounding a British soldier and an old Malay woman, it was reported here today.

About twelve guerillas armed with automatic weapons fired at the coaches as the train sped through a cutting, three miles south of Labis, in Johore, police said.

TRADE PACT WITH JAPAN

At the signing of the Sterling Trade Agreement with Japan are (seated L-R) Mr. W. G. Challis, New Zealand Trade Representative in Japan, Mr. Perala Ratnam, Acting Head, Indian Mission in Tokyo, Mr. Harry Menzie, Commercial Counsellor to the Australian Mission in Japan, Mr. F. R. Lingman, Minister (Commercial) United Kingdom, Liaison Mission, Maj. Gen. William F. Marquat, Chief Ess, GHQ, SCAP, Mr. Colvin Verity, Deputy Chief Ess, Maj. A. J. Rehe, Assistant Adj. Gen. GHQ, FEC, Mr. William Kressner, Foreign Trade and Commerce Div. Ess, (Standing in Rear L-R) Mr. J. L. Hunt, Sterling Area Trade Coordinator, Mr. F. E. Pickell, Chief Foreign Trade and Commerce Div. Ess, Mr. A. Kodaki, Trade Administrator for the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Japanese Government and Mr. Peter McDermott, Chief Trade, and Serv. Div. Ess.

Cold-Storage Industry Vital

FOOD MINISTER'S ADDRESS

NAGPUR, Jan. 5 (PTI): Mr. Jairam-Daulatram, India's Minister for Food and Agriculture, said here today that the cold-storage industry was "a vital part of the national campaign for producing better agricultural commodities and also preserving them".

The Agriculture Minister was speaking at the Central Hindustan Orange and Coldstorage Co. Ltd., Nagpur, a State-aided concern.

Mr. Daulatram said that he looked upon this industry as a vital part of India's agricultural economy.

Stating that the industry should link itself "more organically" with the commodity-growers, Mr. Daulatram said it was their duty to see that the city and village got linked up for the purpose of preservation of foodstuffs.

DETENUS ON FAST IN DELHI JAIL

Demand For Trial

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (UPI)—Six Communists and trade union detenus in the Delhi District Jail are reported to have gone on hunger strike from today, as the authorities have so far not conceded their demands.

Their demands include immediate release or legal trial repeal of the East Punjab Public Safety Act uniform classification of all Communist detenus, grant of family allowance and a number of other allowances

IS STATE TRADING JUSTIFIED?

Committee Hears Divergent Views At Madras

MADRAS, Jan. 5 (PTI).

THE COMMITTEE on State Trading appointed by the Government of India, under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. R. Deshmukh, concluded its sitting here today. The Committee, during its three-day sitting examined representatives of the Provincial Government and various chambers of commerce and trade interests.

The Committee today had consultations with Mr. B. Gopala Reddy, Mr. A. B. Shetty, Madras Ministers and other officials of the Government.

IN CASE OF SHORTAGE

While pointing out the practical difficulties involved in State trading, the representatives of the Madras Government stated that State trading could be justified in conditions of shortage such as those prevailing in the case of foodgrains.

They expressed the view that there would be considerable advantage in exercising necessary control over imports and exports through a Corporation or a similar agency composed of persons having experience in the commodities concerned.

They also recognised that there was a strong case for State intervention where private enterprise had hitherto failed to develop.

UNSUITABLE DEVICE

Representatives of the Madras Oil Seeds Association, South Canara Chamber of Commerce and South Indian Hides and Skins Merchants' Association who met the Committee said that State trading was not a suitable device for promoting India's export trade.

The South Canara Chamber of Commerce, however, supported the idea of creating an autonomous corporation manned by experienced businessmen, provided it was kept free from political interference.

The South Indian Hides and Skins Merchants' Association said that State trading would not be of much assistance in helping this branch of the export trade. They suggested that the Government should take measures to encourage export trade in tanned finished leather in place of raw skins and with this end in view an export duty should be levied on raw skin.

The Committee will resume its deliberations at New Delhi on January 21.

The Lost Link

BANARAS, Jan. 5 (U.P.I.).

The possibility of finding relics of the Malani Rhyolites Geological Era, supposed to be one of the oldest of the earth, will be investigated by a group of field workers consisting of about 40 post graduate students under Prof. D. K. Chakravarty of the Geological Department of the Banaras University.

The party will visit Mount Abu in Eastern Rajputana, which is believed to have been formed as a result of volcanic activities during the Vindhya Era, perhaps the oldest yet known.

The proposed investigation is claimed to be the first of its kind, as investigation will be concerned only with rock-formations, life being non-existent then.

Rioting Charge On Jullunder Prisoners

JULLUNDUR, Jan. 4, (PTI): Ten prisoners of Jullundur district jail were produced today in the court to stand trial for alleged rioting in jail in April last, when two prisoners were killed and 13 were injured. Twenty three police constables had also received injuries.

According to the prosecution story, Sobha Singh a prisoner who was suspected to be reporting the secrets of the prisoners to the jail superintendent, was beaten by his fellow prisoners. On an alarm being raised, Shri Bishan Das, Assistant Superintendent of Jail accompanied by police constables rushed to the place of the incident. The accused assaulted Shri Bishen Das and the police constables. The police opened fire in self-defence as a result of which two prisoners were killed and 13 prisoners were injured.

Twenty-three police constables were also injured.

The court recorded evidence of two prosecution witnesses and adjourned the hearing to January five.

Hyderabad Villagers Capture 4 Reds

SECUNDERABAD, January 5. (U.P.I.): Four persons suspected to be Communists were captured by the villagers in Mahbubnagar district on the December 27, according to information received here.

These persons are reported to have been involved in a number of murder cases in Hyderabad district.

The district administration has decided to give the villagers rewards for their pluck and courage in capturing the miscreants.

HELPING HAND TO RED INDIANS

Scholarships Awarded

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (U.P.I.): American Indians and American Negroes are eligible to receive assistance from Mr. John Hay Whitney, American millionaire and philanthrophist's newly established "the John Hay Whitney Foundation of Opportunity Fellowships," a scholarship fund especially designed to help students who have lacked full opportunity for advanced study or specialized training because of their race, cultural background, region of residence, or other causes independent of personal ability.

SYDNEY DOCKERS' STRIKE SPREADS

All Shipping In Port May Be Tied Up

SYDNEY, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter):—The Sydney dockers' strike spread today and threatened to paralyse the port and tie up all shipping. Thirty ships and a number of inter-state vessels were idle tonight.

Over 3,500 men went on strike yesterday in a dispute over the employment of men not members of the Waterside Workers Federation as first aid officers on overseas vessels.

WAFDISTS WIN ELECTIONS

Capture 160 Of The 319 Seats

CAIRO, Jan. 4 (PTI-Reuter): The Nationalistic Wafd party won Egypt's first post-war general election, capturing at least 160 of the 319 seats.

The Wafdists led by veteran statesman Mustafa el Nahas Pasha, boycotted the last general election after King Farouk had dismissed Nahas Pasha from the Premiership.

Nahas Pasha had declared that if his Party did not obtain a majority in the present election it would not join other parties in a coalition or co-operate in any way.

As results came in today the Wafdists went ahead by leaps and bounds to an absolute majority in the new Chamber of Deputies, in which the number of seats was increased to 319 from the old figure of 260 before King Farouk dissolved the old house in November, when the Wafdists, according to official figures, had secured 147 seats, the Saadists had won 12, the Liberal Constitution Party 10, Nationalists 4, Socialists 1, Independents 14 and the Kotla Party nil.

Later detailed figures for other parties when the Wafdists reached 160 were awaited.

SOVIET OFFENSIVE IN S. E. ASIA

U.S. And U.K. Should Combine Forces

THE HAGUE, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter): If Russia's "offensive" in the direction of South-East Asia continues, the position of the West will become hopeless, the Dutch independent newspaper "Haagsch Dagblad" said yesterday.

The possibility of preventing this will be investigated by United States Roving Ambassador Philip Jessup on his forthcoming trip, while the Foreign Ministers of the Commonwealth are meeting in Colombo to discuss the situation in South-East Asia.

"It is clear that such a tremendous problem cannot be solved by the British or the Americans alone", the "Haagsch Dagbald" said.

"Just as in Western Europe, the co-operation of all is necessary. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the efforts of the British and Americans will be co-ordinated before long."

Under the heading "The Unknown Factor", the Catholic newspaper "De Tijd" said: "The future of a great part of the world depended on a few important decisions and a clearcut policy in America.

"The danger is not an imaginary one that when the United States has finally made up its mind, actual developments in South-East Asia will have progressed a further stage".

"De Tijd" added: "It would not be surprising if (United States) aid to Europe were cut to assist Asia".

RESEARCHES ON SUGAR CANDY

Good Results Achieved

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (UPI)—Researches on the manufacture of sugar candy undertaken at the Indian Institute of Sugar Technology, Kanpur, have yielded good results and a number of processes have been evolved which reduce the cost of production of candy and increase its output. The Institute has produced for the first time bright, lustrous large independent and well formed candy crystals in a specially designed rotary candy crystalliser.

The candy research scheme which is being worked at Ravalgaon, Nasik, was sponsored to develop the manufacture of sugar candy and confectionery as subsidiary industries to sugar.

Sugar For Saurashtra

RAJKOT, Jan. /, (UPI): The Government of India have allotted 3,200 tons of sugar to the United States of Saurashtra for the month of January, the first instalment of which will be distributed from January 10, it is learnt.

The sugar may be made available from the Bombay Presidency as well as from the United Provinces.

Sugar Control Question To Be Decided Soon

NAGPUR, Jan. 5 (PTI): Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, India's Minister for Food and Agriculture, told pressmen here today that the Government India would decide on the question of sugar control "as early as possible after the Tariff Board's report was received."

MADRAS DOCKERS' TOKEN STRIKE

Protest Against Likely Retrenchment

MADRAS, Jan. 5 (PTI).—About 300 out of 1,200 dock workers employed in the Madras Port Trust, today went on a token strike.

This was in protest against some retrenchment measures contemplated by the Port Trust authorities.

The unloading of ships in the harbour was not, however, affected by the strike.

The strike, it is stated, was resorted to by the workers to attract the attention of India's Transport Minister and other officials who are here in connection with the meeting of the Central Board of Transport and Port Trust Chairmen's Conference tomorrow.

Greece To Settle With Yugoslavia

LAKE SUCCESS, January 5. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Greece yesterday declared it was willing to settle differences with Yugoslavia and to re-establish normal diplomatic relations with Albania and Bulgaria.

U. S. WILL NOT ABANDON CHINA, SAYS JESSUP

Will Continue To Oppose Communism

TOKYO, January 5 (P.T.I.-Reuter).

THE United States will not abandon China, Dr. Philip Jessup, American Ambassador-at-Large, told a press conference here today. Dr. Jessup, who has just arrived from the United States, said this did not imply support for any particular party.

Regarding the expected British recognition of China, Dr. Jessup said: "We recognise the right of other friendly governments to reach their own decision on what they regard as proper action".

Recognition of a foreign government did not mean approbation. The United States would continue to oppose Communism and imperialism while supporting the right of the people to determine their own forms of government without foreign dictation.

MALAYA

The charge of imperialism did not apply to Malaya, Mr. Jessup said in reply to a question. Britain had granted India, Pakistan and Burma independence. The same process was going on in Malaya along the lines of self-development and self-government. The United States had a "special interest in the future of Japan".

Dr. Jessup said he would discuss the question of a peace treaty with General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander.

He declined to comment on the prospects of completion of a treaty or on the situation in Formosa.

The conference of United States diplomats in the Far East in Bangkok, Siam next Wednesday, he added, would not work out an over-all Far Eastern policy, but would be "an important link" in the process. The possibility of economic aid to South-East Asian countries would be discussed.

NATIONALIST CHINA AND BRITAIN

Trade Relations To Be Maintained

HONG KONG, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter)—Yen Hsi-shan, Chinese Nationalist Prime Minister said in Formosa that Nationalist China will maintain trade relations with Britain after her expected recognition of the Communist regime in China, according to Chinese press reports from Taipeh, capital of Formosa.

Chinese sources in Hong Kong said the Nationalists hoped to convert their diplomatic and consular representatives in British countries into "trade missions."

Trade Between U. K. And New China Starts

LONDON, January 5. (U.P.I.): Public and private concerns in the People's Republic of China are already placing considerable orders with British firms and are trying to place still larger ones through Chinese firms in Hongkong.

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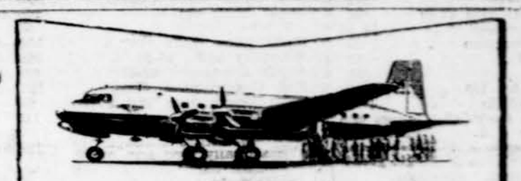

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OPENING DROP ATTRACTS HEAVY BUYING IN STEELS

Steady Rise In Cotton Mill Shares

BOMBAY, Jan. 5.

The official denial of de-control of export prices of cotton textiles was mainly responsible for the opening weakness in the local share bazar. However there being absence of any selling pressure, prices gradually recovered. The steel production figures for the month of December were considered satisfactory and naturally there was moderate buying support.

Tata Steel Defds. opened at Rs. 1587-8 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1608-12 and advanced at Rs. 1610 on active buying and short covering. At this level there was renewed selling and Defds. declined at Rs. 1592-8 but again hardened at Rs. 1605. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 328 and rallied at Rs. 330.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1065 and improved at Rs. 1080. Kohinoors were done at Rs. 304 while Central Indias were placed at Rs. 253. Svadeshi mill shares were quoted at Rs. 275. Scindia shares changed hands at Rs. 14-4.

Later on there was active general buying and Tata Steel Defds. advanced at Rs. 1615 and Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 332. Bombay Dyeings advanced at Rs. 1097 and Kohinoors advanced at Rs. 308-12. Closing tone of the market was firm.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1105	0
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	309	0
Swadeshi Mills (12-4)	280	8
Central India Mills (6)	255	8
Simplex Mills (9-8) XD	207	8
New Great Eastern (8)	163	0
Indore	130	0
Gokak Mills (12)	274	0
Century Spinning (15)	243	12
Swan Mills (20)	325	0
Indian Bleaching (6)	145	0
Finlay Mills (15)	275	0
Morarji Goculdas (S) 7d	440	0
Edward Sassoon (30)	240	0
Meyer (12)	110	0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2	14 6
India United Ord. (0-12-0)	12	1 6
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1	14
Madhusudan Mills (15)	175	0
Podar (S)	145	0
Khatau Makanji (5)	180	0
Swadeshi Coupon	68	8
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	333	0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-13)	1620	0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref.	138	8
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (6)	156	12
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (12-3)	362	8
Belapur Sugar (9)	231	0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	34	0
Scindia Steam (0-8)	14	11 6
Premier Construction	99	0
Tata Chemical	13	4
Tata Oil (2)	53	4
Indian Iron (As. 12)	32	5
Bengal Steel (0-12)	23	10
British Indian Corp. (9-9)	9	5 6
Indian Copper	2	6 3
Wimco	213	12
Alcock	286	4
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Power (25)	1535	0
Andhra Valey (25)	1435	0
Tata Hydro (3)	153	8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	61	8
Phoenix (50)	140	0
Indian Mfg.	2920	0
Kurla XD	125	0
Colaba (12)	119	8
New City (11)	183	12
Minerva (12)	140	
Bradbury (12)	520	0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	5	6
Bharat Mills (2)	33	8
Mysore (4)	182	
Model Mills (12-8)	178	12
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	696	4
Vishnu Cotton (8)	226	4
Western India (40)	292	
Standard (15)	227	
Shahpur Mills (200)	2860	
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16	8
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000	
Tata Mills (2-4)	57	8
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	240	
New Ahmedabad	195	
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	32	
New Union Mills (0-8)	15	14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35	0
Shinivas Mills (S)	171	4
Raja Bahadur (4)	62	0
Bezar Mills	250	0
Victoria Mills	225	0
ELECTRIC (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	130	0
Ahmedabad New	77	8
Surat Electric	131	4
Karachi Electric (2)	136	14
Broach (0-5)	6	12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	6
Amalgamated (0-12)	11	6
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26	8
Poona Electricity Supply (S)	141	4
Bombay Suburban (3)	166	14
Bombay Suburban New	85	0
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1805	0
Imperial Bank P (8-12)	445	0
Central Bank (1-8)	83	8
Central Bank New (1-8)	83	8
Bank of India (4)	181	8
Union (0-3)	7	3
Baroda (2-8)	122	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37	4
United Commercial (1-8)	50	8
Jaipur Bank (1-5)	35	8
Hindustan Commercial	17	0
Mysore Bank (8)	305	0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94	0
INSURANCE SHARES		
Oriental (125)	4250	
Empire (10)	571	4
New India (1-7)	61	0
Jupiter (0-12)	13	0
Vulcan (0-10)	12	0
Indian Mercantile (2)	36	0
Universal (0-4)	11	4
B. I. G. (1)	14	10
Industrial and Prudential	26	8
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All India General	14	0
RAILWAY SHARES		
C.P. (1-14) XD	113	8
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Steamer (103)	240	0
Bombay Burma New (5)	126	4
Burma Petrol	1	7
Mackenzie (6)	90	0
Port Canning (3)	61	0
Kemp and Co. (30)	362	8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125	0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	88	4
Dharamsey Chemical (3)	41	8
Mukund Iron	13	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	17	0
Alembic (15)	148	12
Supreme Industries	72	8
Bombay Uganda	67	8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28	0
Indian Cement (1937)	171	4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	145	0
United Motor	28	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	680	0
Hydary Construction	19	10
Mahmadi Steam	96	0
Sardar Carbonic X.D.	700	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Gujarat Motor	28	0
Estrella Batteries	30	8
Manmad Press	120	0
National Rayon	56	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6)	200	0
Andhra Valley (7)	1241	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1310	0
Hydro Electric (7)	128	12
Bombay Steamer (6)	220	0
Central India (5)	655	0
Swedeshi Mills	130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)	650	0
Lakshmi Mills	267	8
Khatau	100	0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220	4
Podar Mills (4)	105	10
Shrinivas Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106	4
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	318	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130	0
Pre. Construction First	100	8
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	97	
Amalgamated	115	0
Habib	72	
Tata Chemical	128	12
Walchandnagar	130	
Jupiter	19	14
Supreme	100	0
Meyer	102	8
Mackenzie (1st)	85	0
Mackenzie (2)	80	0
Ahmedabad Advance	132	8
Mysore Mill	60	0
Standard	99	0
Madhusudan	12	0
Khatau	100	12
Morarji	94	8
National Rayon	70	0
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952	103	8
Gula Kajamsingh	8	0
Rubber Planting	17	0
Bombay Steamer	97	0
Indian Hume Pipe	101	0
Tata Power 1951	103	0
Walchandnagar	105	0
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	10
New Victoria	2	4
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	4	4
Palton (8)	120	0
Gold Mohor	302	8
New Kaiser Hind	325	0
Sajjan Mills X.D.	150	0
Osmanshahi (16)	250	0
Azamshahi	280	0
Air India Tata	67	0
Air Services	4	7
Hind Motors	5	2 6
Indian Steam	8	3

N. Y. SILVER SALES

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.

SILVER: Consumer demand for silver continued good and sales approximated 275,000 ounces at unchanged 73 1/2 cents an ounce.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Jan. 5.

The local gold market was easy today on sales of Nizam gold through a local firm. It is said that about 50 to 60 thousand tolas will be tendered against the present contract which runs out today. Upto now the budlee difference was seven annas but in view of the above tender the carry-over reverse budlee difference disappeared.

Posh delivery silver opened at Rs. 171-4 and after advancing at Rs. 172-12 steadied at Rs. 171-10. Next delivery was quoted at Rs. 172-4 while ready silver was quoted at Rs. 171-13.

Posh and Maha delivery gold business was done at Rs. 112 at the opening but thereafter the market improved at Rs. 112-4. Ready gold was quoted at Rs. 112-8 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 75.

Later on there was active buying in Silver owing to settlement. Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	173	12	0
Posh delivery	173	12	0
Ready Gold	112	10	0
Posh delivery	112	10	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Jan. 5.

There was no forward business in the local cotton market today. It is said that large business is being done in California cotton.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA Jan. 4.

KARNAK January	80.50	—85
March	80.15	—90
May	80.40	—45
ASHMOUNI February	74.00	—70
April	73.55	—80
June	72.80	—85

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Jan. 5.

The produce market was firm today with continued demand from shippers and crushers. Groundnuts Bombay Madras were quoted at Rs. 37/6 and Madras Goa were placed at Rs. 36/10. There was some enquiry for castorseeds and oils were also firm. In view of the present tight position, a deputation of local interests is likely to go to Delhi. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Quality Receipts	37	13	0
Bold Ready	36	15	0
Bold January	36	8	0
Oil Bombay Mills	20	12	0
Oil Up-country Mills	20	6	0
Oil January	20	9	0
Oil February	21	0	0
LINSEED—			
Indore	35	0	0
Bold	34	14	0
February-March	33	8	0
March-April	33	0	0
April-May	32	8	0
Oil	21	0	0
CASTORSEED—			
January Delivery	23	10	0
Ready	23	0	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Jan. 5.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	4	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	11	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	10	0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99	10	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	2	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	96	0	0
3 per cent Con.	97	13	6
3 per cent 1951-54	101	12	0
3 per cent 1952-55	102	0	0
3 per cent 1957	101	12	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	5	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	6	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	5	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	2	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	8	0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110	4	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	101	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	8	0
4 1/2 per cent. 1958 66	113	0	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	4	0
2 3/4 per cent C. P. 1961	97	1	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	1	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	4
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6	0
3 per cent C P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.F. 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U P. 1961-68	99	12	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	99	0	0
4 per cent B.P.T. long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni.	109	8	0
5 p.c. Bombay Muni. 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K P. T. 1956	113	12	0

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, January 4.

London Silver Spot and Forward both 64d.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce £12-8-0.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Jan. 5

MILLS

Apollo 2/14/6
Bharat 32 33/8
B. Dyeing 1072/8 67/8 87/8 77/8 1110/5
C. India 250 54 53 55/8
Century 243/12
Elphinstone Ord. 61 61/8
Elphinstone Pref. 106/4
Finlay 273/8 75
Gokak 272 73/8 70 74/8 74
I. U. Defd. 1/15 1/15/6 1/14
I. U. Ord. 12 11/14 12/2/6 12/1/6
Indore 130 28/12 32/8 30
Kohinoor 297 306/8 3 9
Meyer 110
Morarji 440
New City 183/12
New Great 161/8 63
Phoenix 140
Podar 145
Simplex 204 5 4 7/8
Svadeshi 274 73 77 75 80/8
Swan 325
Tata Mills 57 57/8
Vishnu 226/4
C. P. Rly. 113/8
B. Steam 237/8 40
Scindia 14/2/6 14/8/6 14/5 14/11/6
Baroda 122
Central 82/8 83/12 83/8
Central New 83/8
Imperial Old 1005 10 5
Imperial New 450 45
India 180 81/8
Union 7/3 7/2
U. Commercial 50 50/8
Ahmedabad 130 30-10 29-6 30
Andhra 1437-8 35
Analgameted 11-6
Suburban 156-14
Hydro 153-12 53-4 53-8
Hydro Pref.. 130
Power 1525, 35 27-8 35
Power Pref. 1315
New India 61-8 61
B. Steel 22-14 23-6 23-4 23-10
I. Iron 31-12 32-1 31-15 32-5
Tata Defd. 1585 82-8 1608-12 1595 1625, 20
Tata Ord. 328 26 31-8 28-8 33
Tata 2nd Pref. 138-8 38-12 38-8
Alcock 290 86-4
A.C.C. 156 55-4 57 55-8 57 56-12
Belapur 227 28 27 31
B.B. Old 353-12 60 57-8 62-8
B. B. New 126-14 27-8 26-4
B. B. Petrol 1-6-9 1-7-3 1-7
B.I.C. 9-5-6
Dharamsey 41-8
I. Copper 2-6-3
I. Bleaching 145
P. Const 96 98 97 99
Shivrajpur 34
Tata Chem 13-1 13-6 13 13-4
Tata Pref 128-12
Tata Oil 53 52-12 53-4
Walchandnagar 145
Wimco 213-12 12-8 13-12 11-4 13-12

SPECIAL—

Ahmedabad Elec New 77-8
Svadeshi Coupon 68 67 68-8

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Jan. 5.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 upto 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Bank, Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 478 1/4 Montreal Rs. 435.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 478 1/4 Montreal Rs. 435.

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 475 Montreal Rs 431 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472 1/2 Montreal Rs. 429 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2 L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7250.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 7500.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79

Switzerland Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 90 1/4.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 1033.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Glds. 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 83 1/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 156 3/4.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 238 3/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8, London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. not quoted. London/Alexandria, Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4, London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65, London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 35, London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.49-140.10, London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36, London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 13/16 1/2 29/32, London/Iran Cross Rate Rs. 90.20, London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65, London/Karachi Cross Rate Rs. 2/1-84-2/1.94, London Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 80.35 London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-5.65 London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3.07-3/4-3.08 1/4, London/New York Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8, London Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02. London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 979-981 London/Prague Cross Rate K. 141 London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/32 2/4 5/32, London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50, London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs 12.23-12.26.

London discts. 2 Mos. 5/8 p.c.

London Discts. 6 Mos. 3/4 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money: Call 3/4 per cent, 3 Mos. 1 per cent, 6 Mos. 1-1/4 per cent, 12 Mos. 1-1/2 per cent.

Tone: Easy.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

The following is the Statement of Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 30th December:—

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,30,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	257,83,20,000
Acceptances for Constituents	69,000
Sundries	3,99,86,000
Total	Rs. 273,76,25,000

In the absence of fixed exchange rate between India and Pakistan for Pakistan rupees, figures in respect of Bank's Pakistan Branches have been entered at par in the above statement.

ASSETS	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:	
Government Securities	96,08,27,000
Other Authorised Investments	10,78,05,000
ADVANCES:	
Loans	21,88,45,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	65,12,71,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	6,77,36,00
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra	69,000
Dead Stock	1,57,92,000
Sundries	3,92,73,000
CASH:	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	52,65,41,000
Balance with other Banks	15,94,66,000
Total	Rs. 273,76,25,000

BANK OF INDIA LTD.

The Profit of the Bank of India Limited for the year ended 31st December 1949 including the sum of Rs. 592,043-3-2 brought forward amounts to	Rs.	7643,064	0 11
Provision for Income Tax Super Tax and Business Profits Tax for the year	Rs.	20,00,000	0 0
The payment of an interim dividend at the rate of 6 per per cent. for the half year ended 30th June 1949 absorbed	Rs.	11,96,205	0 0
The balance now available for distribution is	Rs.	44,46,859	0 1
The Directors propose to pay a final dividend for the half year ended 31st December 1949 at the rate of 8 per cent free of Income Tax, making 14 per cent for the year	Rs.	15,94,940	0 0
To place to the Bank's Investments in Government and other securities	Rs.	10,00,000	0 0
To place to the Bank's Landed Property	Rs.	5,00,000	0 0
And to Carry Forward the the balance subject to the payment of a bonus to the staff	Rs.	13,51,919	0 11
Total	Rs.	76,43,064	0 11

POSITION OF WOOL INDUSTRY

Record Prices In Liverpool

BOMBAY, Jan. 3.

Messrs. J Hardacre & Co. have issued the following report:—

BRADFORD

With the market virtually closed for the Christmas holidays there is little to report. There is considerable congestion in the Conditioning House and it is taking up to a month to obtain a turn. Much of this congestion is caused by the large weights of tops awaiting shipment to India and for which import licences have only recently been issued.

Merino prices continue to advance whilst crossbreds have receded about 2d. from their highest levels at the beginning of December. Current quotations for a 64's warp top and 48's carded are 129d. and 57d. per lb. respectively ex-Bradford. Delivery dates are daily becoming more extended and it is necessary to pay a premium for deliveries before April-May 1950.

EAST INDIAN WOOLS

The last auction of East India wools at Liverpool saw all-time record prices realised with Superior White Vicanere selling at 58d. per lb. and Joria yellow at 50d. per lb. Of a total offering of 9,110 bales 8,020 were sold with America and the Continent taking useful quantities.

WOOL PRODUCTION

We give below the comparative production figures of raw wool for the seasons 1947-48 and 1948-49 in the chief wool producing countries:—

	Million Pounds 1947-48	1948-49
Australia	930.58	982.75
New Zealand	346.50	354.45
Argentine	495.00	460.00
U. S. A.	328.94	296.20
Uruguay	149.86	150.00

WOOL CONSUMPTION

The International Wool Study group estimates that for the current year 1949-50 world consumption of clothing types of wool will be approximately 17% above world production. This is a slight reduction on the excess consumption in 1948-49 which was in the region of 20%. J. O. stocks of wool were 3.218,000 bales in the middle of 1948 but stood at only 1,700,000 bales by the middle of 1949. It is estimated that these stocks will be down to ½ million bales by the end of the current season.

WOOL PRICES

The close of the year finds wool prices at their highest level since 1920 and although there has been a slight recession in crossbred prices during December, Merino prices continue to advance. Broadcasting on the night of January 1st the Australian Radio announced that if the present American demand continued sensational prices might be expected to be made for the Merino clips to be offered later this month and in Febrtary.

The following tables shows the range of prices of wool tops over the past few years with the pre-war figures for comparison:—

64's warp. 1939—26½, 1946—48, 1947—58, June 1948—123, February 1949—119, September 1949—96, December 1st 1949—121, Dec. 31st 1949—129.

56's carded 1939—21, 1946—40, 1947—41, June 1948—59, February 1949—68, September 1949—61, December 1st 1949—80, December 31st 1949—81.

48's carded 1939—18½, 1946—30, 1947—31, June 1948—35, February 1949—42, September 1949—39, December 1st 1949—59, December 31st 1949—57.

Pence per lb. ex-Bradford.

THE INDUSTRY IN INDIA

Generally speaking the organised mill industry has been able to keep working fully during the past year but the heavy woollen side has for some time been feeling the effects of the high costs of production and raw materials coupled with the very large imports of woollen materials from foreign countries. The very high prices at which indigenous wools are selling in U. K. and U.S.A. and the complete suspension of trade with Pakistan have adversely effected the small scale and hand loom industries.

Fortunately most of the mills were well covered for raw materials prior to the sudden rise in costs which followed devaluation but the delay in the issue of import licences to cover these purchases has aggravated the situation and in more than one case contracts at very favourable prices have been cancelled due to non-receipt of import licences.

The assurances of Ministers and other high officials of Government that every assistance is being given to the industry sound very hollow when at the same time import licences cannot be obtained for essential raw material and stores ordered as long ago as September or earlier at very advantageous prices. The Woollen Industry plays a very important part in the life of the country and in time of national emergency immediately becomes a Key Industry. Since 1939 it has increased its production by 3½ times.

BULLISH TEXTILE NEWS HARDEN N. Y. COTTON PRICES

Wall Street Market Firm With Expansion Of Activity

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.

COTTON: The market opened quietly steady with small routine trade demands offsetting scattered liquidation and hedges. Prices later sagged slightly but then steadied again modest mill buying. Meanwhile traders were reserved pending Truman's congressional message as well as further Washington developments in connection with the cotton industry. In the afternoon persistent dribles of mill price fixing and covering brought further moderate gains. The sentiment was possibly encouraged by the more optmistic cotton distribution prospects, bullish textile news and firmness of securities. Modest profittaking pared gains but the session closed steady with sales estimated at 125,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

March	30.75	+04
May	30.59	+08
July	30.08	+11
October	28.46	+08
December	28.32	+08
Middling Spot	31.55	+04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	30.70	+08
May	30.53	+08
July	29.99	+11
October	28.37	+11
Middling Spot	30.45	+05

New York Cotton March highest 30.80 at 12.41 hrs. 30.71 at 10,18 hrs.

WALL STREET MARKET

STOCKS: Advances upto dollar or so in rails tilted the balance of the market mildly but traders were awaiting Truman's mssage to Congress. Buying of rails was aided by the news that carriers had asked for another 15 percent increase in mail payments raising the total amount sought to 95 percent above the compensation paid in February 1947. Oils continued to lag with the price firmness of kerosene overshadowed by the sterling area dollar oil cuts. The averages were Industrials 199.18 and rails 53.69. In the afternoon most sections managed to advance, as new investment buying easily absorbed further short selling and liquidation by traders who delayed realising in December to avoid the shortterm gains provisions of the tax law. The improvement followed Truman's state-of-union message which traders noted contained little that was not previously indicated. With a marked expansion of activity, gains upto nearly two dollars became liberally distributed with occasional wider advances. The session closed firm.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, January 4.

American Telephone and Telegraph	146	3/4
Amerex Holding Co.	34	1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	29	1/2
Chase National Bank	36	1/4
Firestone Tyre	54	1/2
General Electric	42	3/4
General Motors	72	
Ingersoll Rand	69	1/2
International Nickel of Canada "A"	28	3/4
National City Bank	45	3/8
New York Central Railroad	12	3/8
Sinclair Corporation	23	1/2
Socony Vacuum Oil	17	
Texas Corporation	60	3/8
Union Carbide	44	5/8
U. S. Smelting and Refining	38	1/2
U. S. Steel common	27	
Western Union "A"	23	1/8

The volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 1,890,000 shares. The highest and lowest U. S. Steel prices were 27 and 26 3/8 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.

GRAINS: were firmer reflecting resumption of export business in United States grains and cold weather over the main maize crop belt. Flour mills were credited with selling 100,00 sacks flour each to the production and marketing administration and to France for her colonies. Ireland today purchased 320,000 bushels of maize for prompt shipment while Holland overnight bought around 600,000 bushels of oats.

CHICAGO WHEAT

March	2.17	3/8
May	2.11	1/4
July	1.92	1/4
September	1.92	1/4

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, January 4.

Australian Wheat per 480lbs. 121/8 December-January.

NEW YORK PEPPER QUIET

NEW YORK, Jan 4.

BLACK PEPPER: The market for black pepper remained quiet but steady with spots offered at 1.29 dollar per pound. Grinders and dealers are still awaiting a definite word from India as to whether the export tax will be increased. Following are today's closing quotations: Black pepper, Spot 1.29 asked, January 1.25 nominal, March 1.19 nominal, May 1.18 nominal, July 1.18 nominal, September 1.16 nominal, October 1.14 nominal. White pepper Spot 2.45 asked.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

LONDON, Jan 4.

The London pepper market was idle but despite the absence of demand, quotations were maintained. Black lampong, January shipment, was held for 8sh. 6d., and white muntok at 12s. 3d., shipping weight with sarawak at 15sh. 9d. delivered weight, c.i.f., basis ports. Sellers still indicated 1,020 for Malabar afloat, 950 for January and 940sh., for January/February per cwt., c.i.f., unikingdom.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, Jan 4.

The Singapore pepper market was dull with sellers ex-godown prices held unchanged at 470 dollars per picul for black lampong and 830 for white muntok.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, January 4.

2 1/2 p.c. British Consols	70	
3 1/2 p.c. Conversion Loan 1961	93	1/8
5 p.c. Funding Loan 1960/90	106	5/8
3 1/2 p.c. War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	92	
Chartered Bank of India	10	3/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	92	
National Bank of India	32	3/8

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 7,212.

CONTINENTAL STOCK EXCHANGES

PARIS, Jan. 4.

BOURSE: Indo-Chinese issues featured the dealings with an advance of boom proportions while domestics after a hesitant start also moved upwards. French rentes were more freely offered but transactions were limited and movements narrow. Internationals were irregular though Argentines made sharp advances and Belgians continued the uptrend.

BRUSSELS, Jan 4.

The bourse displayed a widespread and firm trend. Although in some cases profit-taking cut advances, the close saw a brisk and strong upsurge in these issues.

AMSTERDAM, Jan 4.

The stock market was mainly quiet but steady although, with more sellers of American certificates coming forward, the demand for these issues was more easily satisfied and prices were slightly lower. In the rest of the list, Indonesians were the only group actively traded.

Calcutta Share Bazar Active

CALCUTTA, Jan. 5.

The market ruled steady and active for the speculative stocks in which prices were moved up satisfactorily. Other shares also ruled firm. Following are today's final transactions up to 3-00 p.m.:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent Loan 1986 97/15 Small Lots, Three pes cent Loan 1963/65 100/8.

BANKS: Hindustan Commercial 26/4, Imperial Fully Paid 1780.

COTTONS: Basanti 7/10, Cawnpore Textiles 11, New Victoria Ord. 2/6.

COALS: Bengal 513 CT, Bharat Colliery 7, Burrakur 12/14, Central India 5/14, Naira 7/6, Satpukuria and Asansol 1/6, South Karanpura 29/2.

JUTES: Anvil India 1/3, Belvedere 249, Champandy 180, Gourepore 50, Howrah 29, India 152, Kamarhatty 260, Lawrence 176/8, National 23/6, Nuddea 74/8, Presidency 6, Union 217, Megna 131, Orient 215, Renance 22.

ENGINEERING: Arthur Butler 131, Bhartial Electric Steel 19 S. Lot, Braithwaite and Co. 8/10, Burn and Co. Ordy. 275, Indian Galvanizing 42/14, Indian Iron 31/6, Kumardhubi Eng. 8/9, Marshalls 6/10, Sarah Eng. 9/2, Textile Machinery 7/8, Steel Corp. 23/11.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2/12, Indian Copper 2/8, Tavoy Tin annas eleven, Assam Bengal Cement 7/7, Sone Valley Cement 6/10, Calcutta Electric 16 Angelo Bros. 36 CT, BIC 9/6, Calcutta Trams 18, Indian Aluminium 140, F. and C. Osler 6/11, Indian National Airways 3/10, Ivan Jones 4/12, Jardine Henderson 140, Martin Burn Ordy. 15/12, National Tobacco 18, Rohtas Industry Ordy. 5/3, British Burma Petrol 1/6, Titaghur Paper 34 8, India Steamship 8/4.

SUGARS: Belsund 4/15, Purtabpore Pref. 16/2.

TEAS: Baghmari 15/8, Bormahjan 12/12, Central Cachar 80, Daurscher 8/2, Dhunseri 8 6, Jutlibari 12/2,

PORT TRUST REPORTS SURPLUS OF RS. 61.17 LAKHS

Due To Abnormal Demurrage Fees

The administration report of the Bombay Port Trust for the year 1948/49 shows a net surplus of Rs. 61-17 lakhs after meeting the deficit of Rs. 2.76 lakhs on the Pilotage account. The surplus is entirely due to the receipt of abnormal demurrage fees amounting to Rs. 126 lakhs. The report states:—

DOCKS CONGESTION

Two questions of outstanding importance which arose during the year must be brought to notice. The first of these was the Docks Congestion. The unprecedented increase in the volume of imports specially of food-grains, diversion of ships to Bombay owing to the loss of Karachi, shortage of transport facilities, viz., wagons and petrol, congestion of Railway traffic at up-country stations, inadequacy of storage accommodation in the Docks and the City and the unresponsive attitude of Labour all contributed to the greatest congestion that has ever occurred in the history of the Port.

Various measures were taken by the Trustees and Government to put matters right. Fork Lifts for quicker handling and higher stacking of cargo were purchased and orders placed for the purchase of 4 electric cranes for use at Ballard Pier; Buffer sites were provided at Wadala to take up the overflow of cargo; certain concessions which militated against prompt clearance of cargo by merchants, viz., the waivure of demurrage fees for non-supply of wagons, were withdrawn; a Port Clearance Committee and a Port Working Committee were constituted to watch the day to-day position of cargo clearance, and a new section (64-A) was inserted in the B.P.T. Act, empowering the Trustees to sell, by auction, uncleared cargo if not removed within a stipulated period irrespective of whether charges thereon were paid or not. And last but not least the "bunching" of ships which, in no small measure, had contributed to the congestion was smoothed out by diversion and by arranging for a more even programme of arrivals. These and other measures have yielded satisfactory results.

During the past few weeks the Docks congestion has eased to a considerable extent and delays are not being experienced any more and at the time of writing this report no vessel is waiting in stream for a berth. In fact there are now vacant berths.

The above Scheme is estimated roughly to cost Rs. 6.73 crores. It will probably cost more. The construction of an Uncleared Goods Warehouse at the Alexandra Dock at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.28 lakhs, and of three Transit Sheds at the Prince's and Victoria Docks at an estimated cost of Rs. 44.63 lakhs was commenced during the year. One of the sheds, it is expected, will be ready for use by the end of this year, another by March and the third by the middle of next year.

The Uncleared Goods Warehouse should be completed by the end of next year. Plans and estimates for the development of Frere Basin for lighterage traffic at an estimated cost of Rs. 21.10 lakhs were also approved during the year. The Scheme provides for the construction of six open sheds, boundary wall, gates, electric installations, Railway sidings, etc., and when completed it will provide an enclosed area for handling seaborne merchandise ordinarily stored in the Wet Docks.

ABOLITION OF THE TOLIWALLA SYSTEM

Another important event of the year to which reference should be made is the decasualisation of the Dock labour. The previous system known as the Toliwalla system under which labourers were engaged as and when required, through the agency of contractors, had given rise to many malpractices.

It was therefore abolished from April 1948, a large number of the labourers previously in the employ of the Toliwallas being taken over by the Trustees as their own employees. This ensured for the dockers a minimum guaranteed wage, security of employment and the usual service benefits admissible to Port Trust employees such as Dearness Allowance, Leave, Provident Fund and Special Contribution.

STAFF EXPENDITURE

The revisions of pay scales have now been completed and it is interesting to compare, at this stage, the present scale of expenditure on staff to which the Trustees are committed more or less permanently with the corresponding expenditure in 1938-39, the pre-war year. The figures in the last two columns include the arrears of pay from 1st January 1947, the date from which the revisions have generally had effect, and also the cost of the additional labour and staff which is now on the Port Trust pay roll.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

The total revenue (excluding Special Receipts) for the year was Rs. 544.78 lakhs as against Rs. 550.27 lakhs in the year 1947-48. The total expenditure (excluding Special Expenditure) was Rs. 483.61 lakhs.

The total expenditure on Capital account since the institution of the Trust amounts to Rs. 25.55 crores, from which a sum of Rs. 2.14 crores has to be deducted, being the book value of assets which are extrict and have been written off. The cost of the Kennery and Dolphin Lighthouses and certain other properties originally made over to the Trusteees by the Government free of charge are not included in this amount. As against this amount of Rs. 23.41 crores, the outstanding debt is Rs. 14.71 crores. The difference of Rs. 8.70 crores is due to repayment of debt, appropriations from revenue to capital and certain other adjustments.

Of the outstanding debt of Rs. 14.71 crores, the amount due to the public is Rs. 8.68 crores and to the Government Rs. 2.24 crores, the balance of Rs. 3.79 crores being internal loans held by the Trustees themselves. The amount due to the Government is being repaid by annual equated instalments, and the remainder by means of a Sinking Fund, the balance of which is Rs. 6.72 crores.

DOCKS DEPARTMENT

The cargo handled at the Docks amounted to 5,201,413 tons. For comparative purposes figures for the past three years are given below:—

	Imports	Exports
1946-47	2,938,875	1,194,991
1947-48	3,821,237	1,428,364
1948-49	3,892,193	1,309,220

The tonnage figures for 1947-48 and 1948-49 are inclusive of the tonnage for bunders taken over from the Land and Bunders Department by the Docks Department.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

Regarding the deficit on the Railway working it may be pointed out that some concessions in freight and other charges hitherto allowed to traffic have been withdrawn. It is also proposed to increase by 50 per cent. the existing local freight and rebooking charges. These together are expected to bring in an additional revenue of about Rs. 7½ lakhs per annum. At the same time the question of revising the present rates of terminal charges has been taken up with the G.I.P. and B.B. & C.I. Railways. When the proposed revision comes into effect there should be, other things being equal, an additional revenue of about Rs. 15 lakhs per year from terminals.

There was a rise in the volume of foreign traffic, as compared with the year 1947-48. The figures in terms of wagons and tonnage are as follows:—

1947-48 Wagons Inward 72,829; Outward 104,221; Tons 2,519,500.

1948-49 Wagons Inward 61,629; Outward 112,195; Tons 2,542,000.

The B.P.T. Railway carried 51 per cent. of the entire rail-borne traffic in and out of Bombay as compared with 55 per cent in 1947-48.

HEALTHY UNDERTONE IN YARN MARKET

Rising Tendency In Art-Silks

BOMBAY, Jan. 5.

The improvement reported in the yarn market was maintained throughout the week, although the turnover was rather restricted mostly due to the new year holidays. The undertone of Indian yarns was distinctly healthy and, whilst prices remained more or less unchanged, confidence amongst traders in the local market has been steadily increasing. No particular change was reported in the case of foreign cotton yarns. In artificial silk yarns and staple fibre yarns, prices showed a distinct tendency for a further rise due to continued scarcity of supplies. The future course of the market in all kinds of yarns is more hopeful than for the last several weeks.

INDIAN YARNS

Turnover in Indian yarns during the week was affected by the intervening holidays. Reports from almost all important consuming centres in the country go to show that the confidence in the present level of prices in Indian yarns has been steadily improving and consumers feel convinced that, in view of the present shortage of cotton and various other difficulties, it will be difficult; if not impossible, for the mills to lower their prices of cotton yarns from the present level. On the other hand, it is believed that some of the mills may be forced to curtail their production at least to some extent due to want of supplies of satisfactory types of cotton and also due to various other handicaps. It is reported from southern India that, owing to scarcity of rainfall in many parts and consequent curtailment in the supply of electric energy, some of the mills may be forced to reduce their working hours in the next few weeks. It is constantly feared in knowledgeable circles that, instead of an increase in production, in all probability the production will tend to decrease in course of time in the next few months. As regards export markets, the quiet feeling continues and some of the mills have lowered their limits both for yarns and cloth. Scattered enkuiries, however, from several export markets still continue, especially in counts such as 10s, 20s, 40s, and 2/42s but actual business is very limited. As regards fine counts, export demand is spasmodic but the mills continue to adopt a firm attitude. Sales of handloom and powerloom cloth are yet disappointing, probably due to the continuation of the deadlock between India and Pakistan. Ceylon and Burma have also been showing very little interest in handloom cloth at present.

FOREIGN YARNS

Although the undertone is very steady, the turnover continues very limited.

ART SILK YARNS

Prices have shown continued improvement on the exchange during the week, and at the close the exchange recorded in improvement of about Rs. 30/- per case, for January. Serious scarcity is found in various types of rayon yarns, especially of better grade qualities, owing to very limited arrivals, and very much higher prices have got to be paid by the mills to keep their looms going in spite of the losses incurred in finished goods. The future course of the market remains very uncertain and much more will depend upon the policy of the government in regard to imports of art. Silk yarns in the next few weeks.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.

Previous Closing	30.75
Today's Opening	30.71
Difference	—4
Today's Closing	30.88
Difference	+13

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Jan. 5.

Silver Forward	Rs. 173 12
Gold Forward	Rs. 112 11
Silver Bullion	Rs. 174 0
Silver Mint	Rs. 174 6
Gold Ready	Rs. 112 12
Sovereign	Rs. 75 0

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted.
General Motors 72.
United States Steel common unquoted.
Do. Preference unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter).—The bubble in foreign bonds has burst. Further profittaking in Japanese and European loans today produced losses upto one and half points. Greek issues followed the general trend but were scarcely affected by the resignation of Greek Government.

Domestic issues were hesitant and inclined lower. Reaction to the announcement of Britain's gold and dollar reserves positions was slight downmarking in British funds. Declines of quarter percentage were shown in long dated stocks.

Changes in industrials were few and small and showed leaders easier for choice. Exceptionally, Turner and Newalls were good market around seven four Shillings following the yearly report indicating that the Company may break away from dividend limitation.

Mexican Eagles at one six and three were again the firmest spot in the oil section. Others eased in due conditions and showed losses of between one thirtysecond and one sixteenth.

Bright and active market in Kaffir Freestaters resulted from Johannesburg and local support. Divided payers were steady but idle.—PTI-Reuter.

EXPORT OF RAW COTTON

No Consignments

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Deputy Chief Controller of Exports, Bombay, in a press note today said: As the trade is aware, export of raw cotton is confined only to four varieties of cotton, namely, Bengals, Mathias, Comillas and Assams during the cotton year 1949-50. Assams and Comillas are licensed for exports from Calcutta while export of Bengals and Mathias is allowed to hard currency countries only.

A ceiling of two lakh bales has been fixed for the cotton year 1949-50 and as exports over and above this ceiling will not be allowed exporters should register their outstanding contracts with the Export Trade Controllers at the port of shipment within ten days of the date of this notice, or as and when contracts are entered into. As soon as the ceiling is reached all registration of further contracts would be stopped.

With immediate effect export of raw cotton on consignment basis will not be allowed.

"PROGRAMME OF SHEER DELIGHT"

Uday Shankar's Ballet Enchants New Yorkers

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Uday Shankar and his company of dancers opened the second week of their engagement in New York last night with an entirely new programme and the critics of the morning newspapers described the performances as even better than the brilliant opening bill.

Mr. John Martin of the "New York Times" wrote that it was "an evening of rare enchantment." He added "Mr. Shankar has succeeded in perfecting a medium with the warmest appeal and the richest satisfaction. Here are the liveliest spirit, the gayest humours, the most mischievous wit and the most seductive, sensuous beauties".

Mr. Walter Terry of the "Herald Tribune" said "it was a programme of sheer delight and of rare theatrical magic". Both praised the orchestra of Indian musicians for their contributions to the success of the performances.

The "Times" account said, "the music in its entirety makes a magical background".

21 NOMINATIONS FOR PARLIAMENT FILED

MADRAS, Jan. 5, (PTI): Twenty-one nominations have been filed for 20 vacancies from Madras to the Indian Parliament caused by the cessation of dual membership. Twenty of these are Congress nominees and one independent.

The last date for the withdrawal is January 7 and in the event of a contest the election will take place on January 12

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, Jan. 5 (PTI)—Following are today's quotations:—

SECURITIES—3 per cent Government of India paper 97-8, Government of India 3 per cent 1970-75, 100-1, Government of Madras 3 per cent 1960 100-1-6.

BANKS:—Travancore 13-14.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES—Deccan 16-4, Travancore 8-2, Mysore 42.

PLANTINGS—Balmadie 2, Chembra 5-1, Nelliampathy 1-2, Pullangode 1-4, Thirumbadi 20-6, T R and T Co. 6. Waterfall 2-12.

TEXTILES—Buckingham 158-6, do pref. 189, Cambodia 11-12, Coimbatore Cm. 133-8, Lakshmi 67-8, Madura 39, Mettur 325, Mysore Spin. 6, Radhakrishna 155, Rajalakshmi 68-8, Trav. Rayons 4-7, Trichinopoly 10.

MISCELLANEOUS—Andhra Cement 67, Fact 4-8, India Cement 17-12, Mettur Chem 5-12, Mysore Chem Fert. 8-6.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 5.

Market opened with nervousness but with strong inquiry from bulls it closed with the highest rates of the day.

Fluctuations: Calico opened 272, highest 283-8.

Arvind opened 760, higrest 775.

Ambica opened 352, highest 362.

Defferred opened 1590, highest 1635.

Closing quotations Calico 283, Arvind 774, Ambica 362, Ashok 342-8, Rohit 101-4, Deferred 1635, Atul 38-8.

INDIA'S JUTE POSITION NOT SO GLOOMY

City Trade Circles Dispute "Economist's" Contention

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE London Economist's advocacy in favour of Pakistan on the jute controversy has been the subject of considerable comment in trade circles in Bombay, writes UPI city editor.

Under the caption "The Jute Quarrel", the latest issue of the "Economist" has published a lengthy despatch from its Karachi correspondent giving a distorted version of the genesis of the jute quarrel between the two Dominions and aiming at encouraging Pakistan to intensify her economic warfare with India.

The paper contends that the course of events is more favourable to Pakistan and that in the jute war that is now in progress, India will be the "heavier" loser and face the prospect of closure of Indian jute mills after March next with all the attendant disastrous consequences.

NOT SO GLOOMY

This contention of the "Economist" is being disputed in well-informed trade circles, who maintain that India can carry on at least for eight months with the existing supplies and there is no question of closure of its jute mills in March next as the paper has attempted to foreshadow.

Jute of very superior variety, it is pointed out, has been sighted in Nepal and the Government of India expect to receive at least 2 lakhs bales in the current jute season from that country, for which negotiations are already in progress.

The available supplies of 'mesta', which are now being greatly used as a substitute for jute following Pakistan's hold-up of its allotment to this country, also aggregate about 3 to 4 lakh bales.

It is further stressed in Bombay that on December 1, 1949, stocks of jute held by Indian mills were 7 1/4 lakh bales Jute purchased by Indian mills in India, but not yet delivered (which included Indian grown jute but not contracts of Pakistan jute), had been estimated at 8 1/4 lakh bales. The total supplies for Indian mills thus amounted to 23 1/2 lakh bales, excluding the allotment of Nepal jute, "mesta" and 5 lakhs bales of jute held up at Khulna by Pakistan.

FOR 8 MONTHS

The Pakistan and Assam jute, which is now held up in East Pakistan, if released by Pakistan, will increase the Indian supplies by 6 1/2 lakhs bales, bringing the total supplies to 30 lakh bales. With Nepal quantities and 'mesta', the entire supplies for consumption by Indian mills will amount to more than 35 lakh bales, which will be sufficient to meet the country's requirements for at least eight months, taking into consideration the usual rate of consumption at 4 lakh bales per month.

The Bombay trade circles further refer to Pakistan's Finance Minister's Mr. Ghulammohamad's recent statement that the 1949-50 jute crop in East Bengal is 5 million bales and maintain that the total purchases of jute by India from the current year's crop, including the 5 lakh bales now involved in the controversy, will be about 13 lakh bales.

The most significant factor that should be taken into consideration in assessing the jute position, is that the maximum quantity of jute that can be exported through Chittagong to foreign countries in the jute season 1949-50 will be 10 lakh bales. The unsold stocks of jute in East Bengal must, therefore, be over 25 lakh bales at the end of the current year. The New jute season would, therefore, start with a carry-over of 25 lakh bales, which will not only have a depressing effect on the prices of Pakistan jute but will also result in mass discontent since the agriculturists' income will suffer a serious drop following Pakistan's insistence on continuing her present policy.

Global Wool Output Increase

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—The 1949 world production of wool is estimated at 3,780,000,000 pounds by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is approximately 10,000,000 pounds more than the 1948 production and is approximately four percent below the 1936-40 average output of 3,900,000,000 pounds. These figures include both apparel and carpet wool and are on a grease basis.

Generally favourable weather and forage conditions have prevailed during 1949 in nearly all producing areas except in Argentina and the Union of South Africa. This, together with a strong world demand and strengthening of prices, has caused production of wool to be maintained or increased in most wool-producing countries except the United States. Competition of other farm enterprises is largely responsible for decreased production in the United States, the department says.

Production of wool in Oceania was 1,450,100,000 pounds. In Australia, where sheep numbers had increased more than five percent and pastoral conditions were excellent, production totalled 1,095,000,000 pounds. New Zealand supplied 355,000,000 pounds of wool in 1949.

South America produced 685,900,000 pounds of wool in 1949. Nearly two-thirds of this total was produced in Argetina which had an output of 400,000,000 pounds. The other major producer was Uruguay with 154,300,000 pounds.

The Union of South Africa's 1949 wool production of 214,000,000 pounds made up most of Africa's total production of 275,000,000 pounds. The next largest total was reported in Algeria which produced 14,000,000 pounds.

The United States produced 256,600,000 pounds in 1949. The U.S. total has decreased 200,000,000 pounds since 1942, and reflects the lowest sheep number in history.

Gradual rehabilitation of flocks in Europe has led to increases in production there. The 1949 figure of 420,400,000 pounds, exclusive of Russia, is about 87 percent of the prewar total. Europe's major producers and their clip were Great Britain, 80,000,000 pounds; Spain, 72,600,000 pounds; Italy 33,000,000 pounds; and France, 32,600,000.

Production in Russia is estimated at 314,900,000 pounds.

More than one-third of Asia's production of 353,700,000 pounds was accounted for by China with 75,000,000 pounds and Turkey with 70,000,000 pounds.—USIS.

FRENCH INDIA REFERENDUM

Overseas Commission Adopts Bill

PARIS, Jan. 4, (PTI-Reuter). The Overseas Territories Commission of the French National Assembly tonight adopted a bill authorising the French Government to organise by decree at referendum in the four French Indian settlements of Pondicherry, Karikal Yunaon and Maha.

The referendum will include all the inhabitants of the four settlements to decide whether they want to remain in the French Union or be united with India.

(1) The French Government shall fix the date of the referendum and the manner of organising by decree (2) The French Government shall pay the expenses of the neutral observers who are to watch the holding of the referendum.

The bill will probably come before the French Parliament about the end of January.

M. Jean Eitourneau, Minister of Overseas France, said about three weeks ago that the referendum might be held in February or March.

The Overseas Territories Commission also adopted a resolution proposed by M. Lambert Sarvane, Deputy for French India, inviting the French Government to negotiate with the Indian Government to draw up a statute for the four settlements and to submit this statute to the inhabitants in a referendum.

M. Sarvane said the statute of the four towns should take into account both "French traditions" and "the needs, particularly economic and social, which oblige these establishment to share very closely in the life of the great Indian community".

The resolution said the four towns "should constitute the affirmation of link between France and the Indian Union".

A Communist resolution condemning "Colonialist and repressive methods" in French India and demanding the release of imprisoned trade union and political militants was rejected by the Commission.

4,660 Killed In Rly. Accidents

About 4,660 persons were killed and 26,205 were injured in India as the result of accidents on Indian railways during 1948-49, it was learnt in Bombay today.

Five major rail accidents occurred during the period. Casualties due to mishaps in railway workshops are not included in the figure.

Sardar Flies To Delhi Tomorrow

After a week's stay in Bombay, Sardar Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India, will leave for New Delhi tomorrow morning by plane.

Refugees From Karachi

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A further batch of 195 refugees arrived in Bombay today by S.S. "Saraswati" from Karachi. The refugees disembarked at the Princess Dock and will be taken to Rehabilitation camps in north Bombay this afternoon.

INDIA RUNS HUGE TRADE DEFICIT

Estimates For First Half Of 1949

BOMBAY, Thursday.

INDIA was running a deficit of Rs. 143 crores in her balance of payments in the first half of 1949, according to official estimates available here today.

A surplus of Rs. 17 crores which India enjoyed in her international accounts (excluding Pakistan) during the first half of 1948 was transformed into a deficit of over Rs. 85 crores in the second half of the year.

The deficit is tentatively estimated at Rs. 25 to 30 crores between July 1949 and the date of devaluation of the rupee.

An article in the current issue of the Reserve Bank of India bulletin gives official estimates of India's balance of payments for the first half of 1949 with the rest of the world and describes the development of the country's exchange situation between January 1948 and September 1949.

Between August 1947 and June 1948 India did not use more than three million pound out of £83 million released for current expenditure from her accumulated sterling balances. On the other hand, during the 12 months ended June 1949, India had not only spent the whole outstanding balance of £80 million but had in addition overdrawn to the extent of £80 million.

When account is taken of the estimated deficit of Rs. 35 crores with Pakistan, India's aggregate deficit in international accounts between July 1948 and June 1949 is raised to over Rs. 260 crores. This sum excludes Rs. 72 crores paid to the United Kingdom for the purchase of defence stores and installations.

FACTORS OPERATING

The article goes on to point out several factors which operated to bring about the large overall deficit. Imports—private and Government—rose from Rs. 225 crores in the first half of 1948, to Rs. 363 crores in the corresponding period of 1949.

Between the same period, the value of exports fell steeply from Rs. 247 crores to Rs. 193 crores. This was partly because of a decline in their volume and partly as a reflection of the lower prices at which they were sold. The terms of trade also seemed to have moved somewhat against India.

Turning from this broad picture of India's overall external balance to the payments position with individual regions, the surplus of Rs. 15 crores with the Sterling Area and the surplus of Rs. 13 crores with other non-hard currency countries were converted into deficits of Rs. 72 crores and Rs. 56 crores as between the first halves of 1948 and 1949. This was mainly the result of an increase in imports under the operation of the Open General Licence No. XI, applying to the Sterling Area and other soft currency countries.

MAIN REASONS

The fall in the volume of exports and in the prices received for them and the high level of Government expenditure on imports of food and other stores—these were about 107 million dollars in the first half of 1949 as against 157 million dollars for the full year 1948—were the main reasons for the growing hard currency deficit. It amounted to about 213 million dollars between July 1948 and June 1949.

One interesting development, in that period according to the article, was the rise into prominence of "non-Sterling Area"—soft and medium currency countries—in India's balance of payments. To some extent, these countries seemed to have replaced the hard currency countries as sources of India's imports. That was reflected, for instance, in the fact that payments to Egypt, Siam, and Italy which supplied India cotton, rice and rayon nearly doubled between the first halves of 1948 and 1949.

Madras Court Allows Air India's Appeal

MADRAS, Jan. 5, (PTI): A full bench of the court of small causes here allowed an application filed by the Air India, Ltd. (Madras), against the decision of the second court of small causes, directing refund of fare paid by an air passenger who failed to turn up in time for emplaning.

The passenger, Mr. G. G. Acharya, filed a suit in the second court of small causes claiming refund of Rs. 135 paid by him for proceeding in the defendant's aircraft from Madras to Bombay on January 21, 1948.

Mr. Acharya failed to arrive at the air port in time and the company forfeited the fare, treating him as a "no show" passenger. The second court of small causes decreed the suit holding that the forfeiture was in the nature of a penalty and hence the application by the defendant company. The full bench held that in view of the fact that the passenger had come late, there was no question of the forfeiture being a penalty, the amount, according to the full bench was non-refundable under the terms of contract for travel.

Surcharge On Land Tax: Madras Move

MADRAS, Jan. 5 (PTI): Mr. B. Gopala Reddi, Finan Minister, told the Madras Assembly which commenced a week's sitting here today that the provincial Government had under consideration legislation for the levy of hundred per cent surcharge on land tax. The amount so collected, he said, would be refunded later with interest.

PERMANENT PEACE WITH ARABS

Israel's Policy

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (PTI-Reuter): Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared yesterday that the Israel Government "wants permanent peace with any of the Arab States to which we are bound by armistice agreements".

He was replying in the foreign affairs debate in Parliament to a challenge from Aron Zisling of the extreme leftist Mapam Party, who asked "whether there are or are not peace negotiations with King Abdullah of Jordan".

Dealing with Israel foreign policy and the United Nations, Mr. Sharett reiterated Israel's neutrality between East and West.

After a short speech by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion the opposition was defeated on no confidence motions and the three-day debate ended.

REPUBLICANS ALARMED

See Danger Of Socialisation Of U.S. In Truman's Speech

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5, (PTI-Reuter): Republican representatives criticising President Truman's "state of the union" speech yesterday, have pinpointed Government spending, taxation and "socialisation" as main targets for their attack during the second session of the eighty-first Congress. More than 100 Republican members of the House of Representatives joined in issuing a statement saying the President is "wholly committed to the eventual socialisation of America."

The statement declared that the nation was being "taxed into socialism".

Meanwhile democrats hailed the President's message as "excellent," 'courageous' and 'a fine programme'.

Some Republican Senators criticised in the fact that Mr. Truman made no reference to the China situation.

Senate minority leader Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska commented: 'For the embattled Chinese people and other Asiatics under the Communist heel or threatened by it, the President is woefully silent and is apparently determined to go forward with his blundering Far East policies that please the Communists.'

INDIA'S LOVE FOR HUMANITY

Pacifists' Praise

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (UPI).—Four delegates to the World Pacifist Conference spoke highly this evening of India's contribution towards the cause of peace and love for humanity, at a reception accorded to them by Mr. Surrendra Nath Jauha under the auspices of the Aurobindo Niketan. Mr. R. R Diwakar, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, presided.

The speakers included Mr. Reginald Reynolds (Britain), M. Magda Troeme (France), Dr. Tseng (China) and Miss Grace Rhoads (America), besides Dr. S. P. Mookerjee and Mr. Diwakar.

Mr. Diwakar paid tributes to the spiritual value of Sri Aurobindo's teachings and said that the philosophy of intuition was very much needed today for solving many of the problems facing the world

Mr. Reynolds said that the philosophy of intuition which had been practised and taught by Sri Aurobindo taught them the utter impossibility of predicting the future. The only thing that people could follow was to believe in the inherent correctness of the means. The end was beyond their prediction

Dr. Tseng said that India had taught spirituality to the West. Gandhiji and Tagore along with Sri Aurobindo had shown the practicability and pragmatic value of the spiritual teachings of India.

Flames Raging For 26 Hours

NARAYANGANJ (East Bengal), Jan. 4, (PTI):— Twenty-six hours after a fire had started in one of the largest jute godowns here, fire engines were still fighting the flames at 9 p.m. tonight.

About 30,000 maunds of jute were stacked in the godown when the fire broke out at 7 p.m. yesterday.

All-Up Airmail To Stay

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5: That the Government of India are abandoning the All-Up Airmail Scheme has been officially denied here. The Government have no such intention for the present.

AUCKLAND, January 5 (PTI-Reuter): New Zealand's Minister of External Affairs Mr F W Doidge left here by air today for the British Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' conference in Ceylon next week.

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REPUBLICAN PARLIAMENT WILL MEET ON JAN. 28

Final Assembly Session Faces Three Main Items

NEW DELHI, January 5 (UPI).

THE first session of the Indian Parliament after it has formally attained the status of a sovereign democratic Republic will commence from January 28, next. The principal item on the agenda for this first session will be the discussion and adoption of the railway budget as well as the civil budget for the year 1950-51.

The first day of the session will be taken up with oath-taking by all Members of Parliament including nearly 150 new ones who would be returned in place of the "dual members."

Following the convention which obtains in the Mother of Parliaments, the President of the Indian Republic will address Parliament on January 31, reviewing the general situation in the country and also dwelling on the relationship of India with foreign countries. The President's address, which would be analogous to the speech from the Throne in the British Parliament, is also expected to indicate the trend of important business which would come up before the House during the session.

The technical difficulty about the summoning of the new Parliament on January 28, is proposed to be removed by invoking the provisions of Article 392(3) of the Constitution of India, whereby the Governor-General of the Dominion of India shall exercise the powers conferred on the President in the matter, among others, of summoning the forthcoming session of Parliament.

It is understood that an adaptation order will be issued on January 26 to bring all the existing laws into accord with the provisions of the new Constitution by introducing consequential changes wherever necessary.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The Constituent Assembly of India which had been set up for enacting a sovereign, democratic and Republican Constitution for India will conclude its labours in a brief two-day session to be held on January 24 and 25 next.

The agenda for this final session includes only three items: (A) election of the President; (B) adoption of a resolution on the national anthem for India and (C) appendage of signatures by the members to a specially prepared volume of the new constitution.

The election of the first President of the new Republic of India is not expected to take much time of the House, as it is understood that the Congress Party of the Constituent Assembly, which will meet here on January 23 will be able to come to an understanding so as to ensure an uncontested election.

The resolution about the national anthem is likely to give rise to a keen debate. It is, however, gathered that the official resolution will be so framed as to reconcile the view points of the two schools of thought on this issue.

The third item on the agenda namely, signature by the members to a specially prepared volume of the new Constitution, though a simple affair, will be a historic incident inasmuch as this volume of the Constitution containing those signatures will be preserved in the national archives as the most authentic document embodying the results of sixty years of national struggle for freedom which would inspire the veneration and admiration of the posterity.

FUNCTIONS

No special ceremony seems to be in contemplation at the midnight of January 25, as suggested previously, to herald the historic moment of the advent of the new Republic of India.

The first important function on January 26 will be a solemn function at the Government House, namely, oath-taking by the President of the Republic of India, to be followed by the members of his Council of Ministers.

As the old dispensation will yield place to a new one from January 26, all the existing Ministers of the Central Cabinet will formally tender their resignation to the Prime Minister who will thereafter re-constitute a new Cabinet with the approval of the President.

The most spectacular ceremony planned to mark the birth of the new Republic of India will consist of a grand State drive of the President the same afternoon from the Government House to the Irwin Amphitheatre where the flag of the Indian Republic will be unfurled by the President before a vast concourse of men, women and children.

Flying Club At Vijayavada

VIJAYAVADA, Jan. 5 (PTI)—A flying club will be established at Vijayavada before the January 26 for affording facilities of training for Andhra youth in aeronautics, it is learnt.

OFFICIALS FOR ANDHRA

Madras Plan To Set Up Administrative Body

MADRAS, Jan. 5 (PTI)—The Madras Government are taking steps to set up a full-fledged administrative machinery for the Andhra Province, it was learnt here today.

An official spokesman said that arrangements in this regard were being made by Government on the assumption that the new Province would be created on or before January 26.

A committee of Ministers would meet within a few days to select officers for the various departments of the new Government.

Mr O. Pulla Reddi, ICS, Home Secretary, Madras Government, will be appointed as Chief Secretary to the new Government, it is understood.

As there is a dearth of Gazetted Officers among Andhras, some of the non-Andhra officials will be asked to work temporarily under the Andhra Government until permanent arrangements to fill up the vacancies are made.

HIGH COURT

As the first step towards creation of a separate Province of Andhra, a resolution for the constitution of a sepparate High Court for the proposed Andhra area was moved by Mr. K. Madav Menon, Minister for Law, in the Madras Legislative Assembly today.

Mr. T. Prakasam, former Premier and Member of the Partition Committee said he was of the view that the Andhra High Court should be allowed to continue in Madras until arrangements were made for shifting it to a convenient place in Andhra Province. He did not see the need for the resolution being passed by the Assembly as under the adapted Government of India Act of 1935, no such formality was required.

KANNADA AREAS OF MADRAS

Deputation's Plea To Sardar

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A request not to include the Kannada speaking areas of the Bellari, Anantpur and Kurnool Districts of the Madras Presidency in the proposed linguistic province of Andhra was made by a deputation which waited upon Sardar Patel India's Deputy Prime Minister here this evening.

The deputationists, who included Mr. V. T. Magadi, the General Secretary of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. H. R. Moharay, Editor the "Samyukta Karnatak", Mr. B. Anantachar a member of the Madras Assembly and Mr. R. S. Hukkerikar, a member of the Bombay Assembly, have U.P.I. learns, urged that those disputed areas sought to be included in the proposed Andhra Province, should be left in the residuary Madras Province for their eventual inclusion in the lingustic province of Samyukta Karnatak when formed.

Asked whether the question relating to the formation of Samyukta Karnatak was also discussed by the deputationists with the Deputy Prime Minister in their interview with him this evening, a member of the deputation told the United Press of India: "We placed before Sardar Patel the facts relating to the Kannada speaking areas of the Anantapur, Belluri and Kurnool Districts to which he gave a patient hearing. The question of forming the Province of Samyukta Karnataka was not discussed in our interview."

Don't Delay Andhra

MAHA SABHA'S PLEA TO GOVERNMENT

MADRAS, Jan. 5 (PTI): The Working Committee of the Andhra Maha Sabha, at its meeting here today decided to endorse the findings of the Partition Committee and request the Central Government not to delay the formation of the Andhra Province beyond January 26.

Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, General Secretary of the Congress, who attended the meeting by special invitation told the Committee that the residuary Madras Province was yet a composite province and that the authorities would have to answer the demands of the other language populations when further provinces were created. Perhaps, he said the Andhras might not have got all that they had desired from the composite province.

The Working Committee was of the opinion that the inclusion of the six Karnatak taluks of Bellary district in the residuary Madras province was detrimental to the interests of the Bellary town and taluk to which the Andhras had their claim, and therefore, requested the Madras and the Central Governments to allow the Bellary district to be administered by the Andhra Province till the creation of a Karnatak province.

The meeting constituted a Committee with Mr. G. Harisarvothama Rao as leader to wait in deputation on the Governor-General and the Congress President to plead for the early creation of the Andhra province.

On the question of the temporary and symbolic capital of the Andhra province and location of the high court, the Committee was of the opinion that the place chosen should not be more than a manageable distance from Madras as the administration would be run from the city de facto.

S.-E. ASIA STUDENTS CONFERENCE

Hundred Delegates

HAARLEM (Holland), Jan. 5 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Over one hundred students from nine countries were taking part today in a conference on South-East Asia at Bendfeld near here.

The delegates included 25 Indonesians, ten Chinese, nine Indians, three Viet-Namese, and representatives from Britain, the United States, Canada, Egypt, and the Sudan.

The conference has been organised by the Socialist Students Society "Politeia" in co-operation with the International Union of Socialist Students.

The opening address will be given by Professor W. Schermerhoan, former Dutch Prime Minister and also former Commissioner-General in Indonesia.

Garden Party To Sardar Patel

1,000 GUESTS ATTEND

BOMBAY, Thursday.

More than a thousand "Socialites" thronged the lovely lawn of the Hanging Gardens where a pleasant function came off in honour of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel this evening.

The garden party which was jointly organised by the Mayor, the Sheriff and the Presidents of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, the Millowners' Association, the East India Cotton Association, the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, the Western India Chamber of Commerce, the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, the Indian National Trade Union Congress and the B.P.C.C. was attended among others by Chief Justice Chagla, and other Judges, Ministers of Bombay, several members of the Congress and the Socialist parties of the Municipal Corporation, members of the Consular Corps and a large number of prominent citizens.

On his arrival, the Deputy Prime Minister was welcomed by Mr. S. K. Patil, the police band playing the "Jana Gana Mana."

After tea, Sardar Patel went round shaking hands with most of them.

INDO-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Of Little Benefit, Says Sir C. P.

Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, one of the delegates to the recent Indo-American Conference held in Delhi summed up result of the conference as "very little, except that we know where we stand, what to ask the United States and what we may get from them if we ask".

One of the outstanding things which disturbed the minds of Americans, he said, was "their tremendous sense of risk and crisis in relation to communist policies and Communist organisations".

Most of the American delegates were convinced that India did not want to align herself in power blocs, but none of them believed that the present policy of neutrality would continue for long.

"Although for the present the United States are quite content with the Indian policy of neutrality as announced by Prime Minister Pandit Nehru, they still think that the logic of events will bring India on the side of the anti-Communist forces", he added.

As regards American capital investments in India, he said, "there is going to be disappointment in store for us." They made it clear to us that there is no chance of private capital coming to India. They feel that if Indian capitalists cannot put their money into the industry, why should American capitalists invest their money in India."

Sardar Patel was the guest of honour at a garden party given on Thursday at Sir Pherozeshah Mehta garden by the Mayor of Bombay. Photo shows (Top) Sardar with Mrs. and Mr. B. G. Kher, and Mr. S. K. Patil (bottom) Sardar inspecting the guard of honour provided by Fire Brigades.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

A mathematically minded reader (of somewhat perverse views) has been inspired by the telephone capital-equipment arangement to write to me. He says:

"The Government has done a smart thing in fixing on Rs. 2,500 for the ensuring of a telephone being allotted to a member of the public who is not legitimately entitled to it. this has been happily called the 'pugree' system and it can be extended to other spheres. I take it that investigations have shown the Telephones that this is the maximum amount people are prepared to pay for getting hold of a telephone. Instead of letting the money go waste in some undetected pocket, the State should naturally profit by the first instance of ever-bashful capital sticking its head out. Therefore, the "pugree" has been fixed. I have read somewhere that Russia allows an official black-market, that in France at one stage restaurants openly announced that on the ration an article cost 50 cents, outside it would be three francs. We too are getting progressive. Why not carry it a step further? Let the state erect houses and declare that on payment of Rs. 5,000, Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 20,000 respectively, the public could secure a oneroom, two-room or three-room flat? It can also be announced that there will be a slight reduction in the rent for these flats."

Wasted effort always hurts me. I must point out to the man of numbers that he has gone off at a tangent. The telephone charge is not in the nature of pugree but it is the cost of the equipment needed for one telephone line. Besides, when the Government is short of building materials, it is rather foolish to urge them to undertake large scale building as will certainly be needed for such a project. But there are ways in which this suggestion can be utilised suitably adapted. For instance, such a proposal for season tickets would have a great vogue. It will not only ensure one a seat, for I am talking of hiring seats not selling tickets only; it will even guard the passengers against fluctuations in the classes and other symptoms of official variability. And if it is tried out in theatres, I am sure half the troubles connected with black-marketing in tickets would go. But the difficulty is that we need a Rafi Ahmed Kidwai to work the trick and that is definitely asking for too much.

SUNDAY HOLIDAY IN HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): The Hyderabad Government has decided to observe Sunday as the weekly holiday instead of Friday as at present. The change will take effect from January 26, 1950, when the new Indian Constitution comes into force.

The first Sunday weekly holiday in Hyderabad will thus fall on January 29.

Government is understood to have circularised instructions to its various departments to observe the English calendar from the commencement of this year for all official purposes in place of the present Fasli calendar.

Educational Progress To Be Revived

CUTTACK, Jan. 5 (UPI)—The Central Advisory Board of Education, which is meeting here from January 6 to 10, will, it is learnt, review the progress of educational plans of different Provincial Governments and the Central Government.

Orissa Government's report to the Board records the establishment of 1,107 primary schools, 26 new basic schools and 10 primary schools converted into basic schools. Seven graduates were sent to Sevagram to be trained as teachers for basic training schools. Three new training schools for basic teachers were established during the year.

HELP MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER

Vellodi's Plea To People Of Hyderabad

HYDERABAD, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Chief Minister of Hyderabad, told the people of the State that if they lent their support to the Government in maintaining law and order and in making the wheels of Government run smoothly, he could assure them that their goal of self-government and full democratization of the State would not be far off.

Mr. Vellodi, who was broadcasting from the Hyderabad Radio tonight, observed that there was one area in the State, namely some of the Telangana districts, "where there has been persistent defiance of law and order, most of which has been caused by persons who call themselves Communists".

The Chief Minister added: "During the year 1949, according to information received by the Government of Hyderabad, the Communists have committed 247 murders and 116 dacoities involving the destruction of thousands of houses and damage and loss of property of several lakhs."

"I wish to assure the people of Hyderabad that in every case where such atrocities have been committed the law will and must take its course. A murderer does not cease to be a murderer because he likes to call himself by some other name," he added.

PLAN TO MEET RED MENACE

Plea To Mr. Vellodi

SECUNDERABAD, Jan. 5 (U.P.I.): Mr. Konda Venkatapa Ranga Reddy, President-elect of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee and Dr. M. Chenna Reddy, member of the Hyderabad State Congress Working Committee have submitted a memorandum to Mr. Vellodi to root out the Communist menace in the state. They have suggested the abolition of the dual system of administration, establishment of village guards with arms, and the expeditious implementation of agrarian reform.

Board Of Education

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (P.T.I.): Sir S. Radhakrishnan's report on University education as well as the Vice-Chancellors' Committee's report on the medium of instruction will be the principal subjects that will be considered by the Central Advisory Board of Education when it meets in Cuttack on January 8, 9 and 10.

LOCAL ELECTIONS IN HYDERABAD

Tirth's Suggestions To Vellodi

SECUNDERABAD, Jan. 5, (UPI): Swami Ramanand Tirth President and Mr. D. G. Bindu, President elect, Hyderabad State Congress met Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Chief Minister at Shah Manzil, this morning.

The State Congress leaders among other subjects, discussed with Mr. Vellodi, the ensuing elections of the Hyderabad and Secunderabad municipalities under the old act which also provides for nomination of members for these bodies. The Congress leaders are reported to have urged replacement of this antidated act by an act similar to the one in force in Bombay so as to make the local bodies truly democratic.

They are further stated to have expressed the Congress unwillingness to participate in the elections if they were conducted on the basis of the old act.

The Chief Minister is reported to have said that the Government would consider the question afresh.

MAN MURDERED AND PADDY SET ON FIRE

Communists' Work In Hyderabad

SECUNDERABAD, Jan. 5 (UPI)—More reports of Communist atrocities have been received here today. The village patel of Narsampet, Mehmudabad, District, was murdered while on his way back from Bhupatipur. He was waylaid in a jungle near Bhupatipur by the communists.

In Garla, Mehboobadabal District, Communists are alleged to have set fire to nearly ten kandies of paddy.

Burmese Envoy To Ceylon

MADRAS, Jan. 5, (PTI): Mr. U. Tint Swe, Burma's Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to Ceylon who is the first envoy to be sent there after the Burmese independence, passed through Madras today on his way to Colombo.

7 COMMUNIST BODIES BANNED IN BENGAL

Arrests And Searches In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Jan. 5 (PTI).

SEVEN Communist dominated students and labour organisations in the Province have been declared unlawful by the Government of West Bengal under Section 16 of the Indian Criminal Amendment Act.

The organisations banned are: The Bengal Provincial Students' Federation, the Chhatri Sangha, the Mahila Atma Raksha Samity, the Peoples Relief Committee, the Kisan Samities, the Khet Majdoor Samities, and the Nawjoan League.

Announcing this a Government notification states that these organisations have, as their objective, "interference with the administration of law and maintenance of law and order and as such constitute a danger to public peace".

The committees, sub-committees and branches of all these organisations throughout the Province have also been declared unlawful.

Following the ban the Calcutta police simultaneously searched about 50 places in different parts of the city and took into custody 20 persons, including some women.

The offices of the banned organisations were sealed and some papers and other articles seized by the police.

Similar searches were carried out in mofussil districts, but the details are not yet known.

SCUFFLE WITH POLICE

One Person Killed

TIRUNELVELI, Jan. 5 (PTI)—One person was killed and another severely injured in a scuffle between a police party and a group of persons at Veppilangulam about 50 miles from here, according to a report reaching here yesterday.

It would appear a police party consisting of a head-constable and two constables were escorting two arrested persons, wanted in connection with a case of theft on Friday last, when they were suddenly attacked by a group of people apparently with the intention of rescuing the arrested persons.

The police thereupon opened fire which resulted in one person receiving serious injuries. One of the arrested persons who attempted to run was hit with the butt end of a rifle which resulted in his instantaneous death.

BRITAIN RUSHING TROOPS TO ERITREA

Grave Concern At Rising Violence

ASMARA, ERITREA, January 4, (PTI-Reuter): British troops reinforcements are arriving in Eritrea, and a British warship is to be despatched soon to the port of Massawa, 50 miles north-east of Asmara, the capital, it was officially announced here to-night.

Police forces in the former Italian colony are to be substantially strengthened and their mobility and striking power increased with more transport and wireless equipment.

A statement issued by the Chief Administrator, Mr. Greville Drew, said the British Government was "gravely concerned at the repeated acts of murder and violence" in the territory recently, and was determined to suppress them.

Declaring the acts of terrorism in Eritrea had been inspired by "persons who mistakenly believe that they can thus influence in their favour the decision on the future of Eritrea", the statement said the British Government had not changed its view that the Eastern provinces of Eritrea should be ceded to Ethiopia "with adequate safeguard for the Italian community."

Nevertheless, the Government supported the United Nations resolution —to postpone a decision and to send a commission of inquiry to ascertain the wishes of the people of the territory — and would abide by it.

The British Government has intimated to the Italian and Ethiopian governments that it would "take a serious view of any action on the part of their representatives of a kind likely to provoke disturbance of the peace in the territory" the statement said.

(The British War Office has already announced that three companies of the South Wales Borderers are being sent to Eritrea from Khartoum. The Royal Berkshire Regiment is already stationed in Eritrea).

MUTT AND JEFF—Well It's A Little Late For April Showers Anyway — By BUD FISHER

O.K., MUTT, YOU BEEN WANTIN' A TRYOUT! NOW'S YER CHANCE! GET OUT THERE AND PITCH!
BASE'S LOADED, EH? NOW YOU'LL SEE SOME REAL HOT PITCHING!
I HOPE
WATCH ME STRIKE THAT GUY OUT RIGHT OFF THE BAT!
WHACKO!
THE SHOWERS
AND NOT JUST APRIL SHOWERS!
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